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# Heavy U.S. pressure on Taba

By BENNY MORRIS

A number of disputed wordings in the Taba negotiations were ironed out yesterday with American help. But the Israeli and Egyptian delegations to the renewed talks in Herzliya still remained at odds late last night over the *crucial* phrasing of the "question" that the international arbitrators will be asked to answer regarding sovereignty over Taba.

The U.S., represented by the State Department's legal adviser, Judge Abraham Sofaer, brought pressure to bear on both sides yesterday, holding *separate meetings with* each delegation before the *plenary* meeting.

But Israel remained wedded to a formulation stating that the arbitrators were to be asked to determine the "correct" border at Taba, while *Egypt wants the arbitrators to determine* "the exact" location of the border.

Israel believes its formulation would enable the arbitrators to consider pre-1917 evidence on the *original* 1906 British demarcation of Palestine's border. The Egyptian formulation, it is thought, would limit the arbitrators to determining the positioning of the Mandate and post-Mandate border markers, which did not necessarily reflect the 1906 *demarcation* lines.

In addition to the "question," the two sides must still agree on the identity of the arbitrators.

## Refers to Rosenne as 'nudnik'

# Weizman angry over criticism of meetings

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. – An angry Ezer Weizman, in a lengthy telephone interview with *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday, said, when asked if he would take Israel Ambassador Meir Rosenne to an additional meeting with Secretary of State George Shultz, "I don't have to, but I will in any case. I will say to him, Mr. Rosenne, formerly the Foreign Ministry's legal adviser and the biggest *nudnik* at the Camp David peace talks, you are invited to accompany me to see Shultz. There will then be two possibilities: Either he will come with me or he won't."

Weizman was clearly *bitter* about the *controversy that has erupted in* Israel surrounding his Washington visit. The former defence minister and present minister-without-portfolio came to the U.S. capital last week to deliver a lecture at the National Defence College. But *before leaving* Jerusalem, he was *informed* that he would also be meeting with Shultz, and other State Department officials. He was not accompanied to these meetings by any embassy official, which was the cause of the criticism in Jerusalem.

Weizman said that Rosenne had come to his hotel room after the meetings "just as I was getting dressed," for a National Defence College cocktail party.

He said that Rosenne had been clearly upset at his going to the State Department alone. Weizman explained that the embassy had been *informed three weeks earlier* of his trip to Washington to deliver the lecture. Asked whether Rosenne had also been informed of the meeting with Shultz in advance, Weizman replied angrily: "That's my business? What am I, totally crazy? Am I supposed to coordinate these things between the Prime Minister's Office and the Foreign Ministry?

"Let's assume that Rosenne didn't know that I was supposed to meet with Shultz. Okay. But still, a *cabinet minister arrives in* Washington. Isn't he supposed to call him and say hello. The consul-general in New York met me at the airport at 6 a.m., The military attache in Washington came to the hotel to have lunch with me, and Rosenne couldn't call me?"

Weizman continued: "I arrived in Washington at 10:00 a.m. And the first time I see Rosenne is at 6.00 p.m. while I'm in my underpants. *And then they come to me* with *complaints?*"

Rosenne was unavailable for comment yesterday, but embassy sources insisted that the ambassador had not been informed in advance of Weizman's meetings with Shultz and the other U.S. *officials. The* embassy, they *said*, knew *only* of the lecture.

*They said that* Rosenne had scheduled the 6.00 p.m. meeting with Weizman in advance. At that meeting, Rosenne asked about the meetings with the Americans. Weizman reportedly replied that he was instructed to report on them only to *the prime minister.*

Weizman, in the interview with *The Post*, said that the controversy *underscored some deeper problems* in the national unity coalition about the best way to promote the peace process. "Every time that I make an appearance on the ground, every time I get close to doing something, the other side (the Likud) gets very suspicious – *even if* it's only two milligrams *of* anything. They get excited that the peace process might move ahead. And instead of talking about substance – Taba, the Palestinian problem, Jordan, Israeli-Egyptian relations – they get bogged *down in minor* personality issues."

# Reagan gains time in fight over Saudi arms deal

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. – President Ronald Reagan has managed to win an extra two weeks for his continuing effort to push a controversial $350 million missile sale to Saudi Arabia through Congress.

By vetoing the congressional legislation blocking the sale tomorrow evening – just as the Senate and the House are about to recess for Memorial Day – the president will be able to delay a final vote until the first week in June.

Capitol Hill observers yesterday *said that it was still too early to* predict the final vote. Three Republican senators who originally voted against the sale – John East of North Carolina, Chic Hecht of Nevada and Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas – have now decided to reverse themselves, and will support the president.

# 'Waldheim linked to reprisals'

By WALTER RUBY

NEW YORK. – The World Jewish Congress said yesterday that Yugoslavia's secret criminal file on former UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim contains testimony linking Waldheim directly to wartime reprisal burnings and hostage shootings in twenty Yugoslav villages.

The evidence against Waldheim *came on the day Newsweek reported* that the UN War Crimes Commission had decided in 1948 that Waldheim had been responsible for the deaths of hostages executed by German forces in Yugoslavia.

In a related development, Israeli UN Ambassador Benjamin Netanyahu and Dr. Yitzhak Arad, the chairman of the directorate of Yad Vashem, yesterday received 347 files of Nazi war criminals compiled by the defunct UN War Crimes Commission and stored in the UN archives here. The Israelis had requested the files of 1,379 suspected war criminals.

Zimbabwe's prime minister, Robert Mugabe, visits the building housing the African National Congress office in Harare after it had been bombed by raiding South African forces early yesterday. (AFP)

## Peres lists key issues to Knesset

# Ties with Egypt are top foreign policy priority

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Prime Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday that, from Israel's point of view, the improvement of relations with Egypt was the foremost foreign policy issue today.

*Making a political statement in the* Knesset at the opening of the summer term, Peres then listed three other foreign policy subjects to which the government would continue to give major attention:

☐ Easing the tension with Syria, "while attempting to institutionalize a framework of relations between the two countries that the present situation demands";

☐ Encouraging self-administration in the territories; and

☐ *Continuing the effort to open negotiations with Jordan.*

Speaking of international terrorism, the prime minister said that Syria was "now on the (international) agenda." He noted that "an impressive list of terrorist organizations" was situated on its soil and under its control: Abu Nidal, Hawatmeh, Habash, and Abu Mussa; and in Lebanon, Hizbollah was at work, kidnapping and murdering innocent persons.

Assad had tried to turn these organizations into instruments of Syrian policy, which aspired to hegemony in the Arab world, Peres said. In fact, Assad had also brought about a split in the PLO, because he wanted it to be more of a Syrian than a Palestinian instrument.

But, Peres said, Assad had now found that these organizations might cost him dear. And that was why he now claimed to reject terrorism, de-

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## Peace mission goes home as raid is widely condemned

# South Africans hit ANC in three countries

JOHANNESBURG. – South African commandos, helicopters and warplanes raided alleged guerrilla targets in three nearby countries yesterday, killing at least three people, jeopardizing a peace mission and provoking an international outcry.

South African military commanders said their forces, in a span of *eight hours yesterday morning*, hit what they described as operations centres and "terrorist transit facilities" of the African National Congress in and around the capitals of Zimbabwe, Zambia and Botswana.

*It was the most widespread cross-border offensive* by South Africa, which has never before mounted major assaults on Zimbabwe or Zambia, since 1980. South African forces have staged separate raids on suspected ANC facilities in Lesotho, Mozambique and, most recently, Botswana, where 12 *people* were killed in a raid last June.

The attacks were swiftly and harshly denounced by governments around the world, including Britain and the U.S., which have resisted calls for broad economic sanctions against South Africa.

In Botswana, reporters said one man, a soccer player and teacher, had been killed and at least three other people injured by South African soldiers who had landed by helicopter and had attacked a housing complex.

Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda said a Zambian and a Namibian had been killed in a raid by jet fighters near Lusaka, and nine or 10 people had been injured. No casualties were reported in Zimbabwe, where South African soldiers apparently reached their targets by land and struck into the heart of Harare, bombing and machinegunning the downtown offices of the ANC and an ANC house in the northwestern suburbs.

*Four people suspected of involvement* in that raid have been arrested, Zimbabwean Prime Minister Robert Mugabe said last night.

An ANC spokesman in Zimbabwe said no one had been hurt or captured in the raids. The source said the ANC had been warned to expect an attack.

South African army chief Lt.-Gen. A.J. Liebenberg told reporters the attacks by small army units had been completed successfully, but he *gave no datails about the extent of damage* or casualties.

"The South African forces acted with the utmost caution to prevent citizens of our neighbouring states being injured or suffering damage," he said.

*The raids occurred amid* delicate *negotiations* by a Commonwealth delegation seeking to promote talks between the South African government and the ANC. Last night the negotiators suspended their mission and said they were going home.

Liebenberg *said the ANC had chosen to continue its violence even* though South African leaders "have repeatedly stated this country's determination to combat terrorism."

In Washington, the White House spokesman said the U.S. stood with the governments and people of Botswana, *Zambia and Zimbabwe* in expressing "our outrage at these events."

Britain deplored the raids and Pretoria's chargé d'affaires in London was asked for an explanation. In Addis Ababa, the Organization of *African Unity* called for world pressure against any further raids by South Africa. (AP, Reuter)

# Man dies in Old City Armenian clash

One man was stabbed to death *and six others injured in a fight that* broke out last night between opposing factions of the Armenian community in the Old City of Jerusalem's Armenian Quarter.

The dead man was identified as Kwaraj Finjanian, 46. *The injured, who suffered stab wounds and club* blows, *were taken to Hadassah Hos*pital on Mt. Scopus.

The fight, which broke out near the Armenian monastery, was part of a protracted dispute between supporters of the present Patriarch and supporters of the predecessor.

Police and Border Police forces *were rushed to the quarter* late last night to restore order. (Itim)

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# Italy and Israel to cooperate more in war on terror

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Visiting Italian Foreign Minister *Giulio Andreotti* has agreed to a strengthening of ties and to closer cooperation between Italian and Israeli agencies fighting international terrorism, according to senior Foreign Ministry sources.

The sources, describing yesterday's meeting between Andreotti and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir as "very friendly," said that Italy did "not rule out military action" against terrorism but preferred to place "more emphasis" on other, diplomatic and economic measures.

Describing the change in West European attitudes to *international* terrorism and *to Libya*, Andreotti reportedly said that only some 3,000 Italians had remained in Libya, as compared with between 15,000 and 17,000 who were there before the American bombings in April.

Both ministers, according to the sources, *agreed* that the 1980 EEC *Venice* Declaration was now "non-operative." The declaration called for some form of PLO "association" in Middle East peace talks and endorsed the Palestinian people's right to self-determination.

The *sources* declined to elaborate on the concrete steps the two ministers had agreed to or had considered to combat terrorism.

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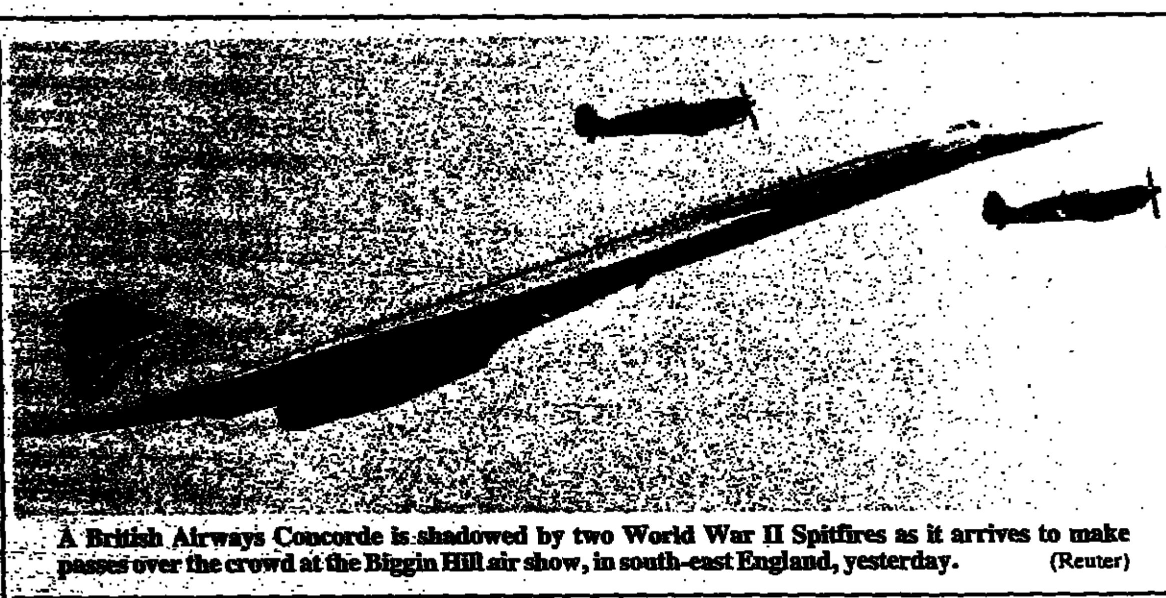

A British Airways Concorde is shadowed by two World War II Spitfires as it arrives to make passes over the crowd at the Biggin Hill air show, in south-east England, yesterday. (Reuter)

## Minister wants work to begin 'within a few weeks'

# Sharon plans industry near Hebron

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

DIR RAZAH. – The *long convoy of* sedans arrived at noon yesterday at this West Bank village of a few grey homes, two barking dogs and several black goats.

Border Police and plainclothes bodyguards took up their positions as Ariel Sharon, the *minister* of industry, led aides to a pile of rocks and studied a multi-coloured plan for a 600-dunam area which is to include an industrial park here in the Hebron Hills.

"How soon can you start?" he asked an aide. The aide *said he had* to study the plan, and later told *The Jerusalem Post* he had seen it then for the first time. But Sharon pressed, "I want you to close the area within a few weeks. Then get to work."

Questioned by *The Post* later, Sharon brushed aside any suggestion that the plan contradicted the coalition agreement which limits the number of *settlements which* may be established. "There is no connection. Are we putting up a settlement? This is an industrial ar*The* serve settlements."

Bringing his thumb and index finger close to one another, he said the paragraph in the coalition agreement "is this long." Clearly Sharon saw it as no match for the significance of this place in Israel's history.

The minister's whirlwind visit to Hebron, to several *Jewish settlements* and to this village to the south was a vivid embodiment of his reputation as a "bulldozer." He seemed impatient of lengthy debates or arguments over budgets, and constantly pressed ministry *officials and settlers to get to work* and worry about the red tape later.

"Don't make a final, detailed plan. Just plan one section and implement it," he told his aides about the industrial zone to rise at *Dir* Razah.

*If Sharon* has his way, work will *start on this rocky hill* and in several other areas near Hebron within a few weeks – even if the budget is too small to cover all the projects.

The projects he approved yesterday were industrial parks in Dir Razah and on a hill north of Kiryat Arba.

The first step will be to open roads to the area and around the *lands chosen for the zones*, thereby marking them as out of bounds for Arab farmers. All lands were government-owned, he said.

Sharon wants the roads first, because such demarcation is fairly cheap and the envisaged Jewish presence will, he believes, be much more effective in keeping the Palestinians away than *fencing* off an area would be.

North of Kiryat Arba, the settlers *want to put up two computer plants* and a diamond workshop. Sharon has also promised aid to the owner of the Hamegader company, to expand his barbed-wire plant at Kiryat Arba.

*At Omarim, Udi Rabinowitz* complained that it took settlers three hours to drive to work. Two entrepreneurs had been interested in opening plants there, but the matter had been dropped because the money had not been allocated for industrial infrastructure.

Sharon, sitting at the head table munching crackers, declared he would not wait for the financial snags to be cleared up. "We'll put up the industrial structures without delay," he stated, adding he would get the necessary commitments from the Treasury.

In one of the grey, drab homes, a group of Arabs watched the *entourage return to their cars*. Kamal Osman Abd el-Aziz told *The Post* his family had lived in Dir Razah for 10 or 11 generations. He said that when Israelis had come to inspect the area, the Arabs had immediately gone to court. "The Israelis then said they didn't want to build here and would inform us *if they did plan to do so.*" No such *intention* has been communicated, he said.

# Army denies it shelved strategy report

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

Senior defence officials yesterday categorically denied to *The Jerusalem Post that the army* had shelved and disregarded the Wald report on its long-range preparedness.

The report, *The Post* was told, was originally handed over by Chief of General Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy to a senior IDF general for review and recommendations. The officer *had found* that while some of what Wald had said was valid, much of it was beyond the realm of practical application. Nevertheless, *The Post* was told, Levy had informed Wald that the report would be placed on the General Staff agenda.

But prior to the General Staff discussion, Wald was told to submit his report to the chief of general staff's financial adviser at the Defence Ministry *for comment*, since Levy felt that unless an economic analysis of his recommendations for an alternative structure for the IDF's order of battle was made, any debate would be merely theoretical. Wald, *according to these sources*, had refused to comply with this stipulation.

Wald had also refused to accept Levy's proposed format for the General Staff forum discussion: one hour for him to present his basic findings, followed by three hours of debate, questions and answers. Wald apparently felt that not enough time had been allotted for a comprehensive discussion.

Emanuel Wald

Wald, it has been learned, also met twice with Defence Minister Rabin about the report. Rabin, who was *said* to have been highly impressed with the report, agreed that it should be discussed by the General Staff.

But because Wald had failed to accept *Levy's two conditions, the chief of general staff decided* to send the report to two officers: Wald's immediate superior, the head of the IDF's planning unit, Aluf Menachem Einan, and Deputy *Chief of General Staff Aluf Dan Shomron*, who is responsible for preparing the IDF's order of battle for the next five years. Levy instructed them to include in the five year plan due to be completed in the coming weeks those parts of Wald's report that they thought relevant. *The Post* has learned that the plan does indeed include some of Wald's findings and recommendations.

*Levy and Rabin met yesterday to* discuss the report.

Senior defence sources described Wald as a "brilliant officer in the positive sense of the word" and had general praise for his work, which *they termed "serious."* But because Wald was an academic, with no military experience, some of his findings, they said, were unrealistic.

Wald, they felt, had also erred in his conclusions about the quality of manpower at the brigade commander level, and in applying conventional tactical *thinking to the unique* arena of the Lebanese war.

In his report, Wald said that the IDF had not learned the lessons of the 1967, 1973 or Lebanese wars; that *the IDF* had become bureaucratically bloated; that the *middle* command level was ill-trained, poorly motivated and less qualified than in the past.

What was still baffling the defence establishment yesterday was why the issue had suddenly exploded. Wald's *findings and charges* were published in *Monitin* and several other publications months ago, but only after Israel Television's Friday Mabat feature had the issue suddenly been revived. The television report claimed, essentially, that Wald's re-

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In deepest grief we announce the passing of the beloved and noble soul, our dear father and grandfather, whose life was devoted to acts of charity and good deeds on behalf of Torah and the saving of human lives, a man who sought the good of Zion and Torah institutions in Israel.

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The funeral will leave the same day at 6 p.m. from the Beit Avraham – Slonim Yeshiva square, 17 Salant St., Jerusalem, for the Har Hamenuhot cemetery.

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| BRUSSELS | 13 | 55 | 20 | 68 | Clear |
| BUENOS AIRES | 13 | 55 | 17 | 63 | Cloudy |
| CHICAGO | 9 | 48 | 13 | 55 | Clear |
| COPENHAGEN | 9 | 48 | 13 | 55 | Cloudy |
| FRANKFURT | 13 | 55 | 25 | 77 | Rain |
| GENEVA | 13 | 55 | 27 | 81 | Clear |
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| Nazareth | 56 | 15-26 | 24 |
| Afula | 54 | 16-28 | 26 |
| Shomron | 60 | 14-26 | 23 |
| Tel Aviv | 64 | 18-24 | 23 |
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| Jericho | 34 | 17-32 | 30 |
| Gaza | 65 | 20-23 | 22 |
| Beersheba | 46 | 15-27 | 26 |
| Eilat | 22 | 20-33 | 32 |

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Herzog yesterday received Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti at Beit Hanassi.

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday greeted Spanish Ambassador Pedro Lopez Aguirrebengoa and Consul-General Santiago Martinez Caro at city hall.

*The Duke of Devonshire* visited Riding for the Disabled at Kibbutz Givat Haim (Ihud) yesterday. The duke is in Israel as the guest of the Jewish National Fund, which is dedicating a forest in his name. Other guests included Sir Sidney and Lady Hamburger, Mr. Gerry Morris, president of the JNF in Manchester, and Rabbi Richard Hirsch, executive director of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

The Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, is today dedicating the Franz Ollendorf Research Centre for Information and Automation, in the presence of Minister of Science and Development Gideon Patt; the West German State Secretary of the German Federal Ministry of Science and Technology, Hans H. Haunschild; and the Scientific Adviser of the West German Embassy in Israel, Alexander Brenner. The Centre was established through the generosity of the German government.

## ARRIVALS

Mr. Stefan Grayek, chairman of the World Federation of Jewish Fighters, Partisans and Camp Inmates, from a visit to the U.S., where he obtained documents from the National Archives concerning Kurt Waldheim.

Dr. Jaime Constantiner, vice-chairman, Tel Aviv University Board of Governors, and Mrs. Constantiner, for the annual meeting of the board.

# Liberal Centre endorses territorial compromise

By SARAH HONIG

TEL AVIV. – Delegates to the Liberal Centre Party's founding convention last night approved a platform advocating territorial compromise and an economic laissez-faire policy by the government. A council and executive were also elected amid subtle power struggles that failed to ripple the surface.

The convention of the new party – set up by former Liberals opposed to the projected merger with Herut – was conducted throughout yesterday and last night at Beit Bnei Brith with the participation of several hundred delegates who had all signed up as members before the May 15 deadline.

The platform approved deals last night only very briefly and in very general terms with defence and foreign affairs, and is largely devoted to social and economic issues.

While it says that the people of Israel have "the right over Eretz Yisrael in its historical boundaries," it also stipulates that "the country's *peace frontiers shall be determined* in negotiations between Israel and the neighbouring states according to criteria of defence needs and the maintenance of the country's Jewish character."

**Friends of**
**Prof. Ernst de Gasperi**
**of Vienna**
are invited to the opening of his
Exhibition: **The Prophet Jonah**
at the Gerard Behar Centre,
11 Bezalel, Jerusalem
**TODAY**, Tuesday, May 20, at 8 p.m.
The exhibition will remain open until
June 7. Visiting hours: Sunday – Thursday,
10 a.m.–2 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

## 30-day period of grace ends today

# Knesset members outraged at banks' reaction to probe

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Members of the Knesset State Control Committee and Finance Committee are outraged by what they see as the refusal of some of the heads of the commercial banks to implement the Bejski recommendations that affect them personally. Some of the MKs threatened yesterday that they would block all the banks' new saving schemes and bond issues if they persisted in this attitude.

The 30-day grace period that the Bejski Commission gave the heads of the banks to announce their resignations expires today. Only Rafael Recanati, head of Bank Discount, has so far failed to resign his post.

But according to some MKs, the problem is not limited to Recanati. Labour MK Haim Ramon maintains that the former general manager of Bank Mizrahi, Aharon Meir, continues to head several of the bank's subsidiaries and is still a member of the bank's board. This contradicts the Bejski recommendations which are that Meir, Ernest Japhet of Bank Leumi and Recanati, were not to occupy any position in the banking system.

Ramon said that Leumi's management should state unequivocally what its plans for Japhet were. He warned that until the Knesset Finance Committee was convinced the recommendations had been implemented, it would apply certain sanctions. Yesterday, for example, Ramon blocked the approval of a new savings scheme of Bank Tefahot, which is connected to Bank Mizrahi.

The Knesset State Control Committee is due to meet tomorrow to discuss the findings and rcommendations of the commission. Sources on the committee said they hoped that it would vote its unequivocal support for the findings. They added that most of the members believed that Recanati would announce his resignation before the meeting, thus saving them the need to relate to his personal status.

# Rape suspect sent for observation

By YORAM GAZIT
For The Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV. – Moshe Shabtai, dubbed the "athletic rapist," and on trial for the alleged rape of a 40-year-old woman, sodomizing a 15-year-old girl and committing other indecent acts on five teenage girls, is to be examined by a psychiatrist, Tel Aviv District Court Judge Arieh Even-Ari decided yesterday, acceding to the defence attorney's request.

Shabtai, whose name was released for publication yesterday, sat in court with bent head, trying to avoid press cameras.

A resident of Ramat Hasharon, Shabtai, who was married six months ago, used to play as a reserve *on the* Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball team, and was once in an opening squad in a European Cup game between the Tel Aviv team and the Russian Red Stars. Until his arrest, he had played for Hapoel Givat Shmuel.

Shabtai's attorney, Osnat Bar-Tor, told *The Jerusalem Post* that her client was suffering from severe depression. None of his family was present in court yesterday.

The two policewomen whose cooperation led to Shabtai's arrest yesterday gave *The Post* some personal details.

Yael Hadad, who put advertisements on notice boards saying she was seeking work and thus aroused Shabtai's interest, is a 26-year-old from Ramat Aviv, completing second-year studies for a law degree at Tel Aviv University. She has been in the police for five years.

Iris Epstein, 21, of Bat Yam, had only been in the police for two months when she agreed to enter the schoolyard as a "bait" for the rapist.

## Briton wins Golden Palm

CANNES. (Reuter). – British director Roland Joffe yesterday won the Cannes Film Festival's Golden Palm award for best film for his second feature in three years, *The Mission*.

Shot in the jungles of Colombia, the epic production recalls Joffe's 1983 box-office success *The Killing Fields*.

Financier David Balas (left) and his assistant Zvi Aharoni await the judge's decision on the extension of their remands yesterday in the Tel Aviv District Court. Sitting behind them and awaiting his turn before the bench is Moshe Shabtai, suspected of being the "athletic rapist." (Israel Sun)

# Financier Balas ordered held until end of his trial

By YORAM GAZIT
For The Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV. – Financier David Balas, charged with fraud in connection with "grey market" loans he received from the United Kibbutz Movement was ordered held in custody until the end of his trial yesterday in the District Court here. His assistant, Zvi Aharoni, is due to be released today on bail unless the prosecution appeals.

Judge Aryeh Even-Ari accepted the prosecution's argument that if Balas were released on bail, he might try to obstruct proceedings, influence witnesses, or flee the country. He noted that Balas had tried to smuggle two letters out of the Abu Kabir lock-up to Police Minister Bar-Lev.

In those letters, Balas wrote that he had fallen victim to ambitious right-wing police investigators who were trying to implicate Bar-Lev in the case.

But Even-Ari concluded, the main reason for keeping Balas in custody was the seriousness of the charges against him.

At the end of the hearing, Balas's attorney, Uri Slonim, announced that he would not be representing his client any longer. He did not disclose the reasons.

But sources close to Balas said yesterday that Balas had decided to dismiss him because he was not satisfied with the way Slonim had handled the case.

# Animal lovers protest killing of kitten for film project

By MICHAL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. – Animal welfare societies are to file a complaint with the police today against Rami Rabino, who killed at least one kitten for a short film that he made as part of his studies at the Beit Zvi cinema school.

The five-minute film shows a kitten hanging by the neck and in convulsions. Since hanging didn't kill the kitten, Rabino allegedly shot it with an air pistol. The kitten's death throes are shown in the film's last 15 seconds.

Rabino, 20, screened the film for teachers and fellow students. The teachers are said to have commented on the professional aspects of the film, but did not relate to the moral aspects of the killing.

Rabino was unavailable for comment yesterday and the Beit Zvi secretary refused to forward any messages or disclose his whereabouts.

However, a reporter for the Tel Aviv weekly *Ha'ir*, who interviewed Rabino, said: "I've seen the film and know that Rabino killed that kitten. I've spoken to people who worked with him on it and Rabino admitted to me that he did it. He said that perhaps he wouldn't do it today, not because it's wrong, but because it would be better for public relations.

Rabino's film deals with a young man who steals books from a book store and runs away. It is at the end, when the man walks through a park, that the dying kitten is shown.

# Racism law bogged down

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Dissension within the coalition and fragmentation among the Orthodox factions over the bill prohibiting incitement to racism will make it impossible for the legislation to have its final reading in the Knesset this week.

The Alignment executive, meeting yesterday morning, decided unanimously to reject additions to the text of the legislation as originally prepared in the Law Committee.

The Shas leader, Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz, wanted to add a phrase whereby "any matter intended to preserve the character and unique quality of religion shall not be considered as incitement to racism."

The Alignment executive said that Peretz's addition was unacceptable since it would not only be used as an excuse by Kach MK Meir Kahane, but also enable him to pressure all the Orthodox factions into backing his anti-Arab proposals. Alignment leaders noted that every racist measure so far prepared by Kahane has, with one exception, been based on quotations from Jewish religious writings.

The Orthodox factions convened during the afternoon and added a few more words to Peretz's addition to the text of the bill as it had emerged from the Law Committee before the Pessah recess. This amended version was backed by Shas and the National Religious Party, but opposed by Agudat Yisrael and Morasha.

With the Orthodox factions squabbling among themselves, and *the Alignment refusing to entertain* any change in the draft, the committee of ministers assigned to get the law through the Knesset met inconclusively last night and will meet again this morning.

## Judge Zvi Bar-Niv, 70

The president of the National Labour Court, Judge Zvi Bar-Niv, died yesterday in Jerusalem aged 70, just before he was due to retire. He leaves a wife and two daughters.

The funeral cortege will leave today at 3 p.m. from the Sanhedrin funeral parlour in Jerusalem for Har Hamenuhot.

# Sharir visit cements ties with Greece

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

ATHENS. – Israeli diplomats here expressed satisfaction after yesterday's meeting between visiting Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir and Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias, saying that the meeting seemed to mark an improvement in relations between the two countries.

During the one-hour meeting, Papuolias extended invitations to visit Greece to the ministers of industry, agriculture and science, and indicated that he was considering a visit *to* Israel *in the near future.*

"It is important that our ministers exchange visits, and that includes myself," Papoulias was quoted as saying.

Papoulias also told Sharir that political differences must not be allowed to undermine the strengthening of ties between Israel and Greece.

Greece is the only European Community member which does not recognize Israel *de jure*. The maintenance of extremely close ties with the Arab states has been a cornerstone of the foreign policy of the Socialist government of Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou.

In a gesture described as unusual by Greek Foreign Ministry officials, Papoulias escorted Sharir to his car at the close of their meeting, and allowed waiting news photographers to take their pictures together.

While Sharir's reception may represent a step forward in Greece's careful rapprochement with Israel, it by no means signals that a breakthrough on the prickly question of recognition is just around the corner, according to diplomatic sources here.

Last January, following the visit of Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche, Papoulias said that "there is no question of *de jure* recognition" until "certain conditions" were met. These conditions are "the full and unconditional withdrawal of Israeli troops from occupied Arab lands and the commencement of talks with all sides" to solve the Middle East problem, "which includes the Palestinian issue."

Sharir told Papoulias that Greece must demonstrate its traditional spirit of independence. "Your chosen path (of close ties with the Arabs) has hurt you," he said, citing tourism as an example.

Greek tourism officials expect an 85 per cent drop this season in the number of American tourists, who form a small but crucial segment of the total market. In 1985, U.S. tourists *comprised 7 per cent of the total* arrivals, but they provided 20 per cent of the total tourist revenue.

In a separate meeting yesterday with National Economy Minister Kostas Simitis, Sharir stressed that the two countries must cooperate in the war against terrorism, saying that those who perpetrate terror must be caught and punished.

Terrorism depended on the general political situation, and among its causes were the problematic relations between Israel and the Arabs, Simitis replied. Greece was willing to help Israel solve these problems, Simitis added.

Quiet diplomatic contacts were also going on yesterday about the delivery of Prime Minister Peres's message to Prime Minister Papandreou, which Sharir had brought with him on Sunday.

## MIDEAST NEWS

John McGraw stands next to the car bearing a Saudi licence plate that he drove thousands of miles from Saudi Arabia to Israel. McGraw, an American who worked in Saudi Arabia as an engineer for the Northrop aircraft company, left from Taif and drove north to the Jordanian port of Akaba, where he took a ferry to Nueiba on the Sinai coast. From there he drove north and entered Israel through Taba.

# Jordan arrests communists in wake of university riots

Post Mideast Staff

Jordan has rounded up the leaders of the Communist Party in the wake of last week's riots at Yarmouk University, in which three students were killed, the Jordanian Communist Party told the Agence France Presse yesterday.

There has beeen no mention of the arrests, carried out last Saturday, in the Jordanian media. Foreign media have cited the information minister *as saying on Sunday that* "several persons were arrested to protect national security."

Among those arrested were the party's first secretary, Fa'ik Wared, the party statement said.

According to informed sources in the Jordanian capital, other arrests were made in Amman before Saturday, following a demonstration outside the U.S. Embassy against the April 15 U.S. air strike on Libya. Communists or their sympathizers probably took part in that demon*stration, too.*

# ARMY DENIES

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port had been swept under the carpet by a general staff interested in protecting itself and that Wald had been pressured to resign.

Those who worked with him in the army told *The Post* that Wald – who had indeed fought an uphill battle with what they called "Messianic fervour" to get his report recognized – had decided to resign following a security investigation. The investigation was conducted by the General Security Services (*Shin Bet*) which is independent of the IDF, after Wald had been found in the early hours of the morning copying classified documents from the safe of the head of military planning. Though he was eventually cleared following a polygraph test, Wald apparently decided to resign and return to academic life.

*Asher Wallfish adds:*

The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee is expected to set up an ad hoc sub-committee today to discuss medium- and long-range strategic planning in the Israel Defence Forces. It will also take up the controversial Wald report which alleges that the IDF has not been coping adequately with the challenge of strategic planning.

Yosef Sarid (Citizens Rights Movement) plans to raise the Wald report issue at today's session of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee when it hears a periodic security survey fom Defence Minister Rabin. The committee will refer the problems which the report covers to the new sub-committee.

*All factions* on the committee will be represented in the new body.

Deputy Speaker Aharon Nahmias (Alignment) will present a motion for the agenda next week on the Wald report in the plenum. Nahmias told *The Jerusalem Post* he had already notified Rabin of his intention. In all probability Rabin will reply to the motion. Nahmias also said he had notified the Alignment faction and had heard no objection there.

Nahmias told *The Post* that in his motion he would inquire whether the general staff's failure to discuss the Wald report signified that some of its members were apprehensive about its conclusions.

In deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our dear

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The funeral will take place tomorrow, Wednesday, May 21, 1986, leaving at 1.30 p.m. from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Dafna, Tel Aviv, for the Southern Cemetery, on the Holon — Bat Yam boundary.

A bus will be available for those attending.

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The funeral will take place today, Tuesday, May 20, 1986, leaving at 2.30 p.m. from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, Rehov Dafna 5, Tel Aviv, for Holon Cemetery.
Transport will be available.

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The funeral will take place today, Tuesday, May 20, 1986, at 3.45 p.m. at Kibbutz Sde Nehemia.

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### Opposition to advisory post for Yisrael Koenig

# Mooted appointment threatens Arab-Jewish harmony in Acre

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRE. – A political row is brewing in this mixed Jewish-Arab city over Mayor Eli De Castro's intention to appoint Yisrael Koenig as his adviser on planning and tourism development.

Koenig, who resigned recently after years as the Interior Ministry's Northern District commissioner, is a controversial choice for the job, which is a new slot being created specially for him.

Many Arabs in the north have never forgiven Koenig for his 1976 memorandum which proposed drastic measures to restrict the Arab population and make Galilee more Jewish.

Among those opposing Koenig's proposed appointment is Acre's Deputy Mayor Hilmi Sha'afi, one of the town's three Arab councillors.

Sha'afi says De Castro will be making a "big political mistake" in appointing a man unacceptable to the Arab residents, who comprise one third of Acre's population.

"I don't think that Koenig, who reiterated the views expressed in his memorandum in recent interviews, is the right person for the job," Sha'afi told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

"I am also not sure whether the position itself, which would obviously carry a salary and probably an official car, is really necessary," he said.

Sha'afi added that he had already spoken to De Castro about the matter and planned to raise the issue at the next meeting of the Labour Party faction, of which both are members.

Opposition to the proposed appointment has also come from other Arab quarters, especially the Communist party which was highly critical of Koenig during his tenure as northern district commissioner.

Despite the criticism, De Castro remained adamant yesterday in his contention that Koenig was the best man for the job, although "his political opinions are different from mine."

He noted that Acre does not have a municipal master plan and Koenig, with his vast experience in this field, could give invaluable assistance.

"Koenig is the only man in this area who can help us with this. If we make a mistake in planning, it will affect future generations, and that's something I want to avoid," said De Castro.

He added that Koenig, if appointed, would not in any way interfere in the affairs of the city's Arab population. The job would involve planning the development of Acre's coast to include more hotels, a promenade and a large marina.

De Castro stressed that he had done more than any previous mayor to improve relations between the city's Arab and Jewish residents and he intended to continue in that work.

(David Rubinger)

### 20 new mosques under construction

# Israel's Islamic revival

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Evidence of the Moslem religious revival in Israel may be seen in the fact that some 20 mosques are presently under construction and a record number of 3,400 Israeli Moslems are planning to go on the pilgrimage to Mecca this year, compared to 2,500 last year.

This was reported by Moshe Ben-Haim, director of the Moslem department in the Ministry for Religious Affairs in a special interview with *The Jerusalem Post* marking Ramadan, the Moslem holy month of fasting.

The department, which is responsible for organized Islamic religious life within Israel's 1967 borders, is responsible for the functioning of 135 mosques, with 230 clerics, imams, who deliver the weekly sermon on Friday and muezzins, who call the faithful to prayer five times a day.

It is also in charge of cemeteries and the government-appointed Moslem councils in the "mixed" cities, such as Jaffa, Ramle, and Haifa. These councils provide for the care and upkeep of many of the country's historic monumental mosques.

But more significant than the old mosques, are the new ones being built every year in Arab villages throughout the country. The lavishly-built mosques are erected with the help of contributions from the worshippers themselves and those in other villages. Much of the work is done by volunteers, working on Fridays.

During Ramadan, when the faithful fast from sunrise to sunset, Moslems may work an hour less daily in government offices and factories.

The ministry itself publishes a Ramadan calendar, giving the times for beginning and ending the fast, and the times for prayer, for every day of Ramadan.

Ben-Haim, who is himself a Jew, does not feel that it is strange for him to administer the department. He is an Arabist, he notes, and in any case, his position is administrative, not spiritual.

His duties include visiting the country's Arab villages and ensuring that the physical arrangements for observance are available. He does not, he note, tell the imams what to say in their sermons, but he adds that they themselves, as civil servants, are aware that they have certain limitations, that they cannot attack the government, but must restrict themselves to religious matters.

### Leaders tell press conference:

# Ethiopian Jews being pushed into ghettos

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. – Ethiopians are being concentrated in potential "ghettos," despite a master plan which calls for their integration within the population, leaders of the Public Council for Ethiopian Jewry told a press conference here yesterday in the wake of a critical State Comptroller's report on the subject.

"The comptroller complained about mayors who refused to connect water and electricity to Ethiopian immigrants' housing. But they didn't do it because they have something against Ethiopian immigrants," explained council chairman Yael Rom.

"It was the only way left for them to warn the authorities that they cannot handle more immigrants, because their towns cannot provide the special services, such as social work and tutoring, which these newcomers need," Rom insisted.

Tamar Eshel, formerly chairman of the council and now chairman of its board, said the comptroller's figures of 750 Ethiopian immigrants having been placed in jobs should not be considered as conclusive. These were unskilled jobs, which the immigrants could lose if business declined or if the authorities ceased funding the jobs.

All council spokesmen agreed that immigrants from Ethiopia were greatly concerned about the fate of their relatives in Ethiopia, but said that the council was barred from discussing rescue efforts.

Rom added that the council had pressed for more effective assistance for one-parent families, which comprise almost half the families with children, including arranging divorces for separated couples and support services for single parents. The Jewish Agency Aliya Department had agreed to work on the problem, she said, but nothing had been done yet for lack of money.

## Negev roads closed for IDF maneuvers

TEL AVIV (Itim). – The IDF spokesman announced that the following roads in the central Negev will be closed to civilian traffic today, due to military maneuvers.

The road between the Zihor and Shizafon junctions, between 5 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

The road between the Zihor junction and Mitzpe Ramon, between 6 p.m. and 3 a.m. on Wednesday.

The road between the Midreshet Sde Boker junction and Mitzpe Ramon, between 7 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

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# Israeli tells of aid to Chernobyl victims

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV. – Thirteen of the 35 victims of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster who were taken to Moscow for bone marrow transplants were treated by a team which included an Israeli scientist, Dr. Yair Reisner of the Weizmann Institute.**

**Reisner, a biophysicist, had been working on a research project in New York, when Dr. Robert Gale summoned him from Moscow to help with the worst victims of the disaster, he told a press conference here yesterday on his return.**

Dr. Yair Reisner (Rahamim Israeli)

**With the help of the Weizmann Institute and his colleagues in New York, and with financial backing from Armand Hammer, he flew to Moscow with $40,000 worth of equipment and materials.**

**Reisner's role was the purification of the bone marrow before transplant, using a method he had developed over many years of research with Professor Nathan Sharon of the Weizmann Institute and other colleagues. The purification involves eliminating certain cells which, if not removed, may cause the marrow to "reject" and "attack" the body into which it is transplanted.**

**He said 299 patients were examined in Chernobyl, but only 35 had been brought to Moscow as possibly needing transplants. Of these, six could not wait for his arrival and had received fetal livers as a substitute for bone marrow. Some others died before transplants could be given. But most were found not to need transplants.**

**It was too early to say whether the transplants were successful, Reisner added, because it took two or three weeks before results were apparent.**

**He said the patients had been either workers at the reactor or rescue workers including firemen and doctors. Some of them had been heroes, he said, but refused to elaborate about what he knew of their experiences, saying he had promised not to do so.**

**In answer to a question, he said some time had been lost because of lack of proper planning and preparation. For example, tissue typing which can be done easily if blood is taken immediately, was much harder to carry out after a few days. He warned that Western countries would also not be prepared for such an emergency and said that doctors, scientists and politicians had a lot of thinking to do, in regard to the possibility of such disasters occurring in their own countries.**

# The Knesset's 'most select' committee

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

The strength of a Knesset faction in the plenum determines its strength in the various committees. But in two committees, Finance and Foreign Affairs and Defence, additional criteria give extra weight to the large factions, while passing over some of the small factions.

The Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, with its 26 MKs, is a bulky body insofar as its membership includes just under a fifth of the entire Knesset. Special arrangements apply to its membership: they must sign a declaration of secrecy; when they are unable to attend meetings, their factions cannot send replacements for them, as in other committees; and when a member quits his seat, his replacement can't be temporary – he must serve a minimum of three months.

In these, as in other ways, membership of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee can be called "select." It is also eagerly sought after, and occasionally even quarrelled over. It confers prestige.

Significantly, committee representation is open only to factions with more than a certain number of MKs. In each Knesset, this number has been so calculated as to rule out membership for communists (currently in the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality faction, which is based on the Rakah party).

The threshold for committee membership today is set at five MKs, because the DFPE has four. But the big factions circumvent this anti-communist *cordon sanitaire* in favour of certain factions which are too small to qualify otherwise.

Thus the Likud and the Alignment voluntarily gave up committee seats to let MKs from the National Religious Party, Shas, the Citizens Rights Movement – which have four MKs each – and even Morasha – which has only two – become members.

Curiously, the Shinui faction which belongs to the coalition and boasts three MKs, has no members on the committee. But the Likud was more than willing to give a seat up to Morasha's Haim Druckman, because of his special relationship with the Judea and Samaria settlers whom the Likud is so anxious to please.

The Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee can be called an active Knesset body, meeting between eight and 10 times monthly. In the recess it generally meets once a week, unlike most other committees, which stop functioning.

The principal political figures appearing before the committee are the prime minister, defence minister and foreign minister. The IDF's chief of general staff and intelligence chief come regularly. Other senior IDF officers, and the heads of the two non-military security arms, the Mossad and the General Security Service, brief the committee from time to time.

The committee has numerous sub-committees, formed to study issues in greater detail. These include the sub-committees on procurement, intelligence agencies, foreign service, military preparedness, the administered areas, and security legislation.

There is a joint committee, constituted with the Finance Committee, to study the defence budget, and a joint committee, formed together with the Education Committee, to study IDF education programmes and problems.

### Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee – II

At least one third of the full committee sit on more than one sub-committee, sometimes two or three if they have special qualifications. A third sit on only one sub-committee, and the rest do not belong to any sub-committee at all.

Committee members who do not belong to any of the sub-committees pressure the chairman to keep the full committee more active and to schedule more briefings. But those on the sub-committees want maximum activity there, where they can increase their influence, deepen their personal involvement, and amass more detailed knowledge.

Cabinet ministers usually prefer to brief the full committee, because there they can confine themselves to supplying general information, rather than detail. The prime minister, defence minister and foreign minister select their material with care, rarely reporting anything which has not already appeared in the media.

Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee members frequently and rightly complain about this, regarding it as a slight to them and their forum. There have been not a few cases in which the prime minister has reported to the Knesset plenum one day what he reported to the full committee the day before, and what his ministers leaked to senior correspondents the day before that.

Political briefings to the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee are usually subject to a vicious circle. The members grumble about not getting detailed information. But those giving the briefing explain that they cannot supply more detailed reports, since the material will be leaked to the media by committee members. But these figures nevertheless make sure that the material they have presented reaches correspondents through their own aides. The logic of this, say the aides, is to ensure that leaks are accurate, rather than distorted by the selective bias of committee members, who, they believe, can never be relied upon to keep a secret anyway.

(This is the second of three articles.)

# HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

## Peres asked to halt trial of P. Tikva rabbi

Post Knesset Reporter

MK Menahem Porush (Agudat Yisrael) yesterday called on Prime Minister Peres to halt judicial proceedings against Rabbi Baruch Solomon, chief rabbi of Petah Tikva.

Porush spoke in the Knesset just before Peres rose to make his political statement. He said this was the first time in the history of the state that a rabbi was being put on trial.

"Tens of thousands of Jews in Israel and in the *haredi* world have been agitated by the rabbi's arrest, and now he is to stand trial because he protested against the desecration of the Sabbbath. In fact, he was defending the law, for this breach is also against the municipal law, which the mayor is violating."

Rabbi Solomon is being tried on charges of disturbing the peace and leading demonstrations against the operation of the Heichal cinema on Friday nights for which police permits had not been obtained.

## Bundestag president guest at Knesset

Speaker Shlomo Hillel yesterday greeted, from the Knesset rostrum, the delegation of the German Bundestag, headed by its president, Philip Jenninger, who are here for five days as guests of the Speaker.

Hillel said that this visit was a further expression of the guests' sincere desire to strengthen ties between the two countries.

Jenninger was greeted by a guard of honour on the Knesset plaza as he walked forward to lay a wreath on the memorial to Israel's war dead.

Jenninger will call on President Herzog, Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Shamir, and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek.

## YU to join Conservatives and Reform in ceremony

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Yeshiva University, Orthodox U.S. Jewry's most prominent institution of higher education, is to take part in a Jerusalem ceremony in its honour, together with its Conservative and Reform counterparts, the Jewish Theological Seminary and Hebrew Union College.

The ceremony, to be held this week in the presence of Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel and Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein, will mark the issuing of postage stamps honouring all three institutions.

## Haifa's Nordau St. to become mall

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. – The town's first pedestrian mall will be opened "by the end of next month," according to municipality spokesman Yossi Bar.

The city intends to start work on turning Nordau Street on Hadar Hacarmel into a trafficless mall, and has budgeted NIS 750,000 to repave the street.

The main opposition comes from Haifa drivers, who have been using Nordau as a major parking lot in the crowded neighbourhood.

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# FOREIGN NEWS

## Rebels fight back as Sri Lanka troops try to break city siege

COLOMBO. – A three-pronged drive to restore government control of Jaffna peninsula in northern Sri Lanka has been held up by Tamil separatist guerrilla attacks on military convoys and camps, a spokesman said yesterday.

The three columns had advanced only two to 10 kilometres towards Jaffna, Sri Lanka's fourth largest city, since the operation was launched on Saturday to end a year-long rebel siege, he said.

In the first detailed account of the fighting, the military spokesman said rebels attacked five camps Sunday, including the main military base in Jaffna City.

Troops were making very little progress because of heavy resistance, he said, but guerrillas had suffered heavy casualties in battles with rockets, mortars and automatic weapons.

Rebels were firing on military convoys from houses, churches, temples and other buildings, the spokesman reported.

Confirmed casualties were 19 guerrillas, one soldier and one civilian killed. But it was probable many more rebels were killed and their bodies taken away by colleagues, he said.

Residents of Jaffna said life was at a near standstill as guerrillas set up machinegun posts or roamed the city with rocket launchers.

"Jaffna is tense. People are scared. They are remaining indoors," the military spokesman said.

President Junius Jayawardene said Sunday his government had to wipe out terrorist separatists trying to carve up Sri Lanka to form a Tamil nation and set up a totalitarian communist state. Sri Lanka has been negotiating for a political settlement with Tamil militants, who are demanding greater autonomy for the northern and eastern provinces where Tamils are concentrated.

(Reuter, AP)

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## Iran and Iraq both claim they have repelled attacks

BAGHDAD (AP). – Iraqi forces yesterday occupied seven hills near the Iranian town of Mehran, which they overran two days before in the warfront's central sector, and repelled an Iranian attack on a newly held Iraqi strategic mountain peak in the north, a military spokesman said.

But Iran said its forces recaptured two positions in the Mehran area.

Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency said Iranian troops on Sunday "repelled" Iraqi forces from the town of Eslamiyeh and the Reza-Abad area, north of Mehran. It said the Iranians were also able to force the Iraqis to retreat from southern Mehran.

Iraq on Saturday occupied Mehran, about 60 kilomtres southwest of the Iranian city of Ilam. An Iraqi war communique said Iraqi forces would not abandon the region unless Iran withdrew from the Faw Peninsula in southern Iraq which Iran occupied in February.

In the northern Iraqi Kurdistan region, Iraqi forces Sunday night beat back an assault by an Iranian army brigade and a battalion held the strategic mountain of Kardamand.

"Most of the Iranian forces were annihilated. Some were taken prisoner and the remaining few fled," the Iraqi military spokesman said.

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## China to fly diverted Taiwan airliner and crew to Hongkong

HONGKONG. – China agreed yesterday to return a Taiwanese cargo plane and two of its crewmen who were flown to China by a defecting pilot, a Chinese official reported here. The transaction will take place in Hongkong.

Zhang Ruipu, head of the Chinese delegation at a historic conference with Taiwanese officials, told a news conference the two delegations would meet today to work out details of the transfer. He said he was hopeful the Boeing 747 could be flown to Hongkong soon.

The airliner, on a routine flight from Bangkok to Hongkong, was diverted to Canton by pilot Wang Hsi-chueh, 56, on May 3. It will be flown to Hongkong by a crew from China's state-run airline, the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC). Zhang said, "to show our sincerity and to reunite them (the two airmen) with their families as soon as possible."

In a reference to the Taiwan negotiating position, he added: "We understand their difficulties."

Staunchly anti-Communist Taiwan caused a stir with its decision last week to hold the first face-to-face meeting with China in 37 years. It has barred direct contact with Peking since the nationalist government fled the mainland to Taiwan ahead of advancing Communist armies in 1949.

Six months ago, four Taiwanese businessmen were jailed on treason charges in Taipei for trading directly with China. (AP, Reuter)

Unseated French toreador Gerald Pellen watches his horse being gored during the Nimes Feria bullfighting festival in southern France yesterday. The horse was seriously injured, but survived.

(AFP telephoto)

## FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

### 30,000 said killed, missing in Chile

*BUENOS AIRES (AFP). – Chilean trade union leader Rodolfo Seguel* estimated Sunday that 30,000 Chileans had been killed or disappeared under the regime of Gen. Augusto Pinochet.

In a radio broadcast here, he also predicted the approaching collapse of the military dictatorship, which he said was "starting to show signs of weakness."

In Santiago, an armed commando opposed to Pinochet occupied the office of the U.S. news agency United Press International for 30 minutes on Sunday, forcing an employee to put out a political statement.

### Four charged in UK with plot to kill Gandhi

LEICESTER (Reuter). – Two undercover police officers posed as Irish gunmen to make contact with a group of Sikhs planning to murder Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, a court in this central English city heard yesterday.

Reporting restrictions were lifted at Leicester Magistrates Court as four Sikhs faced charges in connection with a plot to kill Gandhi during a visit to Britain last October.

The court was told the two officers, identified only by their first names, arranged a meeting with the Sikh leader at a hotel in Leicester and posed as Irish Republican Army gunmen prepared to carry out the murder.

All four are charged with conspiracy to murder. In addition, one faces charges of soliciting murder, possessing drugs and not having a firearms certificate.

### Mother drowns children; attempts suicide

SYDNEY (Reuter). – A mother drowned her two children in the bath and then tried to kill herself by slashing her wrists, a court here was told yesterday.

Sherrie Christine Robert-Jones was charged with murdering her 2½ year-old-son Christopher and six-month-old daughter Rebecca, after giving them tranquillizers.

One of the children had been undergoing tests for leukemia, police said. Her first child died of the same disease a few years ago.

### Spanish PM to discuss Gaddafi with Soviets

MOSCOW (Reuter). – Spain's Socialist Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez began a four-day visit to the Soviet Union yesterday for talks that would include the subject of international terrorism.

The Soviet news agency Tass said he was welcomed at Moscow Airport by Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov and Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

Official sources in Madrid said Gonzalez would urge Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to help reduce tension in Europe by lessening support for Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi.

### Shanghai raising vipers for victuals and venom

PEKING (Reuter). – Shanghai has set up its first viper farm, with room to raise 10,000 of the highly venomous snakes, *The China Daily* said yesterday.

The newspaper said the vipers' venom would be used for medical purposes, while the flesh would be eaten by people in south China, where it is considered a delicacy.

**Terror alert**

## Strict check on Channel passengers

LONDON (AP). – Police in Britain and in six other countries scrutinized passengers and searched cars, buses and trucks yesterday before allowing them onto ships crossing the North Sea or English Channel in an effort to forestall possible terrorist bombings at sea.

Security was increased after the Paris-based international police organization Interpol warned it had information that a Middle East group with ties to Libya planned to put a car loaded with explosives on a vessel and blow it up at sea in retaliation for last month's American bombing of Libya.

"There is no specific threat to a specific port, but what we do have is a heightened awareness of the possibility of vessels as potential targets," said police in Kent.

Police said they had tightened security at 27 ports in Britain, Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Denmark, Norway and Sweden, and on the ferries, cargo ships and hovercraft that cross the North Sea and English Channel 350 times a day.

At the Kent port of Dover, used by 17 million passengers a year, police said that the alert could last all summer.

Police at Dover's eastern docks inspected every vehicle and swept under them with mirrors before they were driven on or off the ferries. Backpackers were asked if strangers had given them parcels to take on board.

In Belgium, police sources said officers at the ports of Ostend and Zeebrugge were instructed to look for four Arabs driving a white Volvo. They said a car and passengers fitting the description were stopped in Ostend on Saturday, but that they were released because nothing suspicious was found.

A French police spokesman in Calais said increased security followed "rather numerous and rather precise threats." Tighter controls were imposed on cars and passengers crossing from Calais, Boulogne-sur-Mer and Dunkirk to Britain.

The London *Daily Mail* reported that the security forces were worrying about Arab terrorists using a plastic explosive manufactured in the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia that sniffer dogs and X-ray equipment cannot detect.

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## Bonn accuses Moscow of slandering Kohl

BONN (Reuter). – The West German government accused Moscow yesterday of slandering Chancellor Helmut Kohl to divert attention from its responsibility for damage caused by fallout from the Chernobyl nuclear reactor accident.

Government spokesman Friedhelm Ost, rejecting Soviet media charges that Kohl was encouraging "revanchist" emigre demands for the return of German territory lost after World War II, branded the accusations a "malicious distortion."

"It is incredible that Moscow is using such disgraceful allegations to try to sneak out of its liability for the trans-territorial damage from this atomic accident," Ost said in a statement.

The Soviet attacks on Kohl, echoed yesterday in official Czechoslovak newspapers, followed his speech to a rally of 150,000 Sudeten German exiles in Munich on Sunday.

Kohl used the address to reassert a demand for compensation from the Soviet government to assist farmers whose milk and vegetable sales were restricted after radiation from Chernobyl reached West Germany.

**Helene Passtoors** (Reuter telephoto)

## S. Africa jails Belgian woman for ten years

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter). – Belgian Helene Passtoors, convicted of treason last Friday, was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment yesterday by Johannesburg's Supreme Court.

Passtoors, 44, was the first foreigner in 80 years found guilty of treason, a crime that can carry the death penalty.

She had denied the charge but admitted supporting the aims of the banned African National Congress, the main black nationalist group fighting white dominance in South Africa.

Judge T.T. Spoelstra said of her support for the ANC: "This is conduct which no reasonable man nor court of law can countenance."

Passtoors, who has lived in various African states for the past 20 years, told the court on Friday she had agreed to help the ANC partly because she felt she owed it to her four children to demonstrate her opposition to "racism and fascism."

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## Chernobyl plant had trouble before disaster

MOSCOW (AP). – A nuclear energy official said yesterday that the Kremlin had formed a panel to investigate the Chernobyl nuclear accident on the day of the disaster, apparently contradicting other officials who said Moscow was without reliable reports for two days.

The first-deputy director of the Soviet state institution that designed the Chernobyl reactor, Ivan Yemelyanov, told Western reporters yesterday that before the accident on April 26 the reactor's heat output surged from a standby level of 6 per cent of maximum capacity to 50 per cent in only 10 seconds.

The chain reaction was stopped he said, but declined to say how the heat surge was connected to the explosion that subsequently ripped apart the reactor.

Yemelyanov said experts have not decided if human error or mechanical malfunction caused the accident, but said he saw no sign that the Soviets were considering review of the reactor, of a type known as RBMK-1000, which is used at Chernobyl, or of the policy of locating atomic power plants near populated areas.

Yemelyanov said radiation emissions from Chernobyl's damaged 1,000-megawatt reactor have stopped. He could not predict when workers would finally have it encased in concrete.

He said he had no new information on casualties from the accident.

There has been no government update on casualties since the middle of last week, but an American doctor who helped treat radiation victims, Dr. Robert Gale, said in Los Angeles Sunday that 13 people have died.

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**CUGAT** – Spanish bandleader Xavier Cugat, 86, yesterday left a Barcelona hospital where he was admitted on April 28 suffering from a lung ailment, but hospital sources said he would continue to be treated for heart and lung problems.

# SPORTS

## Bloom blooms

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. – Israel's gutsy tennis star Gilad Bloom has climbed from 440 to 285 in the ATP world singles rankings at one fell swoop, after winning the weekend's Masters event of the $37,500 British satellite circuit at *Leigh-on-Solent*. In the final, the 19-year-old soldier beat South African Denys Maasdorp 6-2, 4-6, 6-0, after getting past France's Thierry Pham 7-5, 6-4 in the semis.

**The Masters was for the 16 competitors with the best overall results in singles on the four-tournament outdoor series, each comprising a 32-strong main draw, *following qualifying* competition. Taking time to acclimatize to the damp conditions, Bloom lost in the quarters of the opening meet and the second round of the next. Then he really found his touch, to win the third event and reach the semis of the fourth, prior to his success in the Masters. In all, the Israeli won 15 matches, more than half of them against players ranked above him. His scalps included British Davis Cup tackel Steve Shaw, 174 in the standings. Bloom's great effort was worth a massive 24 ATP computer points, to add to the 11 he already had to his credit before the circuit.**

## State Cup semis

By Paul Kohn

TEL AVIV. – Eli Ohana will lead the Betar Jerusalem attack this afternoon in the State Cup semi-final against Maccabi Tel Aviv, at the Ramat Gan Stadium. Ohana was rested last Saturday in Kfar Sava in order to have him fully fit for today's game. Although both teams are out of contention for the league title, they have both had good seasons. The Cup is the only trophy they can still win, so they can be expected to give of their very best.

**Maccabi have already scored against Betar, winning the draw that enables them to play in their traditional yellow shirts and blue shorts. Betar will have to change their usual yellow and will probably play in white and blue. This game is due to kick off at 7 p.m., unless the earlier semi-final encounter between Shimshon and Maccabi Hadera runs into extra time because the teams are level at 90 minutes. The early game starts at 5 p.m. Maccabi Hadera, of the third division, have been the giant-killers of this year's cup competition.**

## Great Graf win

**WEST BERLIN (Reuter). – West German teenager Steffi Graf achieved a stunning victory over world number one Martina Navratilova yesterday to confirm her arival at the summit of women's tennis. The 16-year-old Graf needed just 63 minutes to beat Navratilova 6-2, 6-3, her first ever win over the American, who broke down in tears after the match.**

**The victory, making Graf one of the top favourites for the French Open starting next week, took her to an amazing sequence of four successive titles and a run of 19 matches in a row without defeat. In the space of six weeks she has beaten all the top players in the world, including number two Chris Evert Lloyd.**

**Graf said she thought she had played the best tennis of her career. "I was very relaxed," she said, "I don't think Martina played her best – for me she's still the number one, but obviously I'm thrilled to win."**

**Navratilova said she was amazed how few unforced errors Graf made in the match." I played about average for me. I didn't play well but I didn't play badly either. But she won all the close games today – that was the difference between us."**

## Celtics march on

**MILWAUKEE (AP). – Larry Bird scored 17 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter, including four three-point goals, to boost Boston to a 111-98 victory on Sunday over the Milwaukee Bucks and a sweep of an NBA semi-final play off series.**

**The Celtics advanced to the NBA finals, where they will play either Los Angeles or Houston. Danny Ainge added 25 points for Boston. Sidney Moncrief led Milwaukee with 27 points.**

**In Houston, Akeem Olajuwon, befuddling the world champions Los Angeles Lakers for the third straight game, scored 35 points on Sunday to pace Houston to a 105-95 victory that pushed the Lakers within one game of elimination from the NBA Western Conference play-off series. Houston leads the series 3-1 and another loss would drop the Lakers from the NBA championship series for the first time in five seasons. Game 5 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday night at Los Angeles.**

## Canadiens even series

**CALGARY (AP). – Brian Skrudland's goal only nine seconds into overtime on Sunday night lifted the Montreal Canadiens to a 3-2 victory over the Calgary Flames and evened the NHL Stanley Cup series at one victory apiece.**

## SCOREBOARD

**SOCCER. – England beat Mexico 3-0 in a friendly, Mark Hateley scoring 2 and Peter Beardsly 1.**

**BASEBALL. – Orioles 13, Oakland A's 4: Red Sox 3, Rangers 4: Yankees 11, Mariners 3: Mets 8, Dodgers 4: Giants 4, Phillies 1: Cubs 5, Astros 2: White Sox 5, Royals -: Twins 5, Brewers 3: Blue Jays 10, Indians 2: Expos 8, Padres 3: Reds 7, Pirates 3.**

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# TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

## TELEVISION

**EDUCATIONAL:**
**8.15** School Broadcasts **14.00** The Fox – nature film **14.25** Laurel and Hardy **14.45** *Hello Israel* **15.00** *Rehov Sumsum* **15.30** Rainbow **15.50** Pretty Butterfly **16.15** Dick Turpin (part 15) **17.00** A New Evening – live magazine

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:**
**17.30** News for Young Children
**18.00** Science fiction adventure series

**ARABIC LANGUAGE** programmes:
**18.30** News roundup
**18.32** Documentary: Television (part 3)
**19.30** News
**HEBREW PROGRAMMES** resume at **20.00** with a news roundup
**20.02** Fish. Part 1 of a 13-part comedy series, starring Abe Vigoda and Florence Stanley
**20.30** Kolbotek
**21.00** Mabat Newsreel
**21.40** Second Look – focus on matters of moment
**22.20** Gallery – arts magazine
**23.00** Ugly Sisters – comic drama by Catherine Lucy Czerkawska
**23.30** News
**JORDAN TV** (unofficial):
**17.30** Cartoons **18.00** French Hour **19.30** News in Hebrew **20.00** News in Arabic **20.30** All at No. 20 **21.10** The Brief **22.00** News in English **22.20** The Equalizer
**MIDDLE EAST TV (from T.A. north):**
**13.00** Animals, Animals, Animals **13.30** Another Life **14.00** 700 Club **14.30** Shape-Up **15.00** Afternoon Movie **17.00** Flying House **17.30** Muppets **18.00** Battlestar Galactica **19.00** News **20.00** Riptide **21.00** Another Life **21.30** Simon & Simon **22.30** Airwolf **23.30** 700 Club

## ON THE AIR

### Voice of Music

**6.02** Morning Melodies
**7.07** Tocatti: Cello Sonata
**7.30** Rossini: Andante and Variations for Flute and Harp (E. Zukerman, R. Maayani); Arnold: English Dances; Mendelssohn: Piano Concerto No.1; Stravinsky: Symphony, Op.1 (Atlas); Mozart: Trio, K.502
**9.30** Franck: Prelude, Chorale and Fugue; Bach: Cantata No.133; Mozart: Violin Concerto No.5 in A major; Bruckner: Symphony No.7 (Radio Berlin/Chailly)
**12.05** Mozart: Quartet, K.590 (Guarneri); Dvorak: Quartet, Op.105
**13.00** Haydn: "Ariadne on Naxos" (Baker); Haydn: Organ Concerto; Haydn: String Quartet, Op.76, No.4 (Italian); Haydn: Sinfonia Concertante (Zukerman); *Haydn: Symphony No.101 (Marriner)*
**15.05** From the Record Library
**16.00** Haydn: Violin Concerto No.1 (Zukerman); Haydn: "The Seasons," oratorio
**18.30** *Noam Buchman, flute; Rima* Kaminkovsky, violin; Yuval Kaminkovsky, viola; Alexander Kaganovsky, cello – works by Bach, Beethoven, Reger and Ben-Haim
**20.05** Haydn: Piano Sonata No.33 (Vardi)
**20.30** The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Gustav Kuhn conducting; Aneh Vardi, piano – Berlioz: "The Brigands," overture; Ravel: Piano Concerto in G major; Brahms: Symphony No.2
**22.30** William Thomas MacKinley: Etude No.1 (1973). Susan Allen, harp – to be played three times
**23.00** Music from the Renaissance and the Baroque

### First Programme

*6.03 Programmes for Olim*
**7.30** Favourite Old Songs
**8.05** Compass – with Benny Hendel
**9.05** Hebrew songs
**9.30** Encounter – live family magazine
*10.30 Programme in Easy Hebrew*
**11.10** School Broadcasts
**11.30** Education for all
**12.05** Oriental songs
**13.00** News in English
*13.30 News in French*
**14.06** Children's programmes
**15.25** Education for all
**15.55** Notes on a New Book
**16.05** The Nuremberg Laws (repeat)
**17.20** Everyman's University
**18.06** Jewish Traditions
**18.50** Bible Reading
**19.05** Talmud Lesson
**19.30** Programmes for Olim
**22.05** Two by Two

### Second Programme

**6.12** *Gymnastics*
**6.30** Editorial Review
**6.53** Green Light – drivers' corner
**7.00** This Morning – news magazine
**8.05** Drive Safely
**9.05** House Call – with Rivka Michaeli
**10.10** All Shades of the Network
**12.10** Open Line – news and music
**13.00** Midday – news commentary, music
**14.06** Matters of Interest
**15.10** Magic Moments
**16.05** Songs and *Homework*
**17.10** Football – National Cup semi-finals
**19.05** Today – radio newsreel
**19.35** Football – National Cup semi-finals
**21.05** Cantorial Requests
*22.05 Once More – Dado (part 1)*
**23.05** Quizzes

### Army

**6.05** University on the Air
**6.30** Open Your Eyes – songs, information
**7.07** "707" – with Eitan Lifshitz
**8.05** Good Morning Israel
*9.05 In the Morning – with Eli Yisraeli*
**10.05** Coffee Break
**11.05** Right Now – with Rafi Reshef
**13.05** Radio Connection
**15.05** Daily Meeting – with Orly Yanit
*16.05 Four in the Afternoon*
**17.00** Evening Newsreel
**17.50** Sports
**18.05** Economics Hour
**19.06** What's Doing – with Erez Tal
*20.05 Music Magazine*
**21.00** Mabat – TV newsreel
**21.30** University on the Air (repeat)
**22.05** Popular Songs
**23.05** Night, Night – with Yoav Kutner
*00.05 Night Birds – with Dori Ben Ze'ev*

**Muzzle Your Mutt!!**

Paragraph 9 of the ordinance on rabies control states: "the veterinarian must order the destruction of any dog which is not restricted by a leash and muzzle when on the street."

## WHAT'S ON

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### JERUSALEM

#### Museums

**ISRAEL MUSEUM. Exhibitions:** "A Man and His Land", Moshe Dayan Collection ◊ Israel Art ◊ Dorothy Bohm – photographs ◊ The Cosmic and the Divine – Andean textiles ◊ News in Antiquities ◊ Nerot Mitzva – ideas for light in Jewish ritual ◊ Friendly Butterfly – Orah Eyal's illustrations ◊ Building in Jerusalem – computer games, building with stone ◊ From the Depths of the Sea – ancient Carmel coast cargoes (Rockefeller) ◊ Placescape – artists' versions of surrounding landscapes (Paley Centre, near Rockefeller, closed Sat.) ◊ Permanent exhibitions of archeology, Judaica, ethnic art. **Visiting Hours:** 4-10. Shrine of the Book 10-10. 3: Guided tour of Shrine of the Book in English. 4: Lecture on the Historical Background of the Bar Kochba Revolt, with Moshe Herr. 4:30: Guided tour of Museum in English. 7: Lecture on Israel Art with Flavia Levov. 7:15: Guided tour of Dayan collection in English.

**L.A. MAYER MEMORIAL INSTITUTE FOR ISLAMIC ART.** Visiting hours: Sun.-Thurs. 10-1; 3:30-6. Fri. closed. Sat. and holiday eve 10-1. 2 Hapalmach St., Tel. 02-661291/2. Bus No. 15.

#### Exhibitions

**JERUSALEM MAP HOUSE,** Old City. 7 *Beit El St., 288338, 423547. Roberts, Turner,* etc.

#### Conducted Tours

**HADASSAH** – Hourly tours of the Chagall Windows at Kiryat Hadassah on the half hour. ★ Information, reservations: 02-416333, 02-446271.

**HEBREW UNIVERSITY**
1. Tours in English at 9 and 11 a.m. from Administration Building, Givat Ram Campus. Buses 9, 28, 24 and 16.
2. Mount Scopus tours 11 a.m. from the Bronfman Reception Centre, Sherman Building. Buses 9, 28, 4a, 26 and 23 to the first underground stop. Further details: Tel. 02-882819.

**AMIT WOMEN** (formerly American Mizrachi Women). Free Morning Tours – 8 Alkalai Street, Jerusalem. Tel. 02-699222.
**ORT.** To visit our technological High Schools call Jerusalem 533141; Tel Aviv 396171, 233231, 240529; Netanya 33744.

### TEL AVIV

#### Museums

**TEL AVIV MUSEUM. Exhibitions:** Frank Stella – Had Gadia. Series of Prints after El Lissitzky. The Want of Matter, a Quality in Israeli Art; 21 elite Israeli artists show work of last 25 years. The Museum's collection of classical, impressionist, post-impressionist and contemporary art. VISITING HOURS: Sun.-Thur. 10-2; 5-9. Sat. 11-2; 7-10. Fri. closed. **Helena Rubinstein Pavilion:** Closed for installation of new exhibition.

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**WIZO.** To visit our projects call Tel Aviv, 232939; Jerusalem, 226060; Haifa, 88817.
**PIONEER WOMEN – NA'AMAT.** Morning tours. Tel Aviv, 210791. Jerusalem 244878.
**HADASSAH VISITORS DEPT.** Astor Hotel, Room 01. 105 Hayarkon St., Tel 03-223141.

### HAIFA

#### Museums

**HAIFA MUSEUM,** 26 Shabtai Levy St. Tel. 04-523255. Exhibitions: **Modern Art** – *Material – a Medium of Expression.* *Pop Art – Its Influence, Its Consequences.* Lyric Abstraction/Informel. **Ancient Art** – Jewish coins of the Second Temple Period, Egyptian textiles, terracotta figurines, Shikmona finds. **Music and Ethnology** – Jewish costumes. 20 porcelain pieces from the Fela and Natan Celnik collection, U.S.A. Open: Sun.-Thur. and Sat. 10-1; Tue. and Sat. also 6-9. **Ticket also gives admission to National Maritime, Japanese and Prehistory Museums.**

**HAIFA TECHNION**
**Israel Institute of Technology,** presents *Jack Lemmon's* narration of "The Technion Experience" at the COLER-CALIFORNIA VISITORS CENTRE. Tel. 04-210664, Sun.-Thur. 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; Fri. till noon.
**WHAT'S ON IN HAIFA, dial 04-640840.**

## CINEMAS

**JERUSALEM 4:30, 7, 9**
**Eden:** Unarmed and Dangerous; **Edison:** 9½ Weeks; **Habira:** No Milk Today; **Kfir:** Out of Africa, 5:45, 9; **Mitchell:** Eleni 7:15, 9:30; **Orgil:** A Chorus Line 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **Orion-Or 1:** Jewel of the Nile 4:30, 7:30, 9:30; **Orion-Or 3:** Miami Super Cop, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30; **Orna:** Spies Like Us 4:30, 7:30, 9:30; **Ron:** Nadia 4:30, 7:30, 9:30; **Semadar:** Plenty 7, 9:15; **Binyanei Ha'uma:** La Historia Official, 7, 9; **Beit Agron:** Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs 4; Trading Places 5:30; Airplane 12 midnight; **Cinematheque:** Popeye the Sailor 4; Manhattan 7; Throne of Blood 7:30 (small hall); Dead of Night 9:30 (small hall); La Truite 9:30

**TEL AVIV**
**Allenby:** Protector, 5, 7:30, 9:30; **Beit Lessin:** Fandango, 11:15 p.m.; **Ben-Yehuda:** No Milk Today; **Chen 1:** Salvadore 5, 7:20, 9:40; **Chen 2:** A Chorus Line 5, 7:20, 9:40; **Chen 3:** Spies Like Us 5, 7:20, 9:40; **Chen 4:** Journey of Natty Gann 10:30, 1:30, 5, 7:25, 9:40; **Chen 5:** Stitches, 10:30, 1:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45; **Cinema One:** Delta Force 4:30, 7, 9:30; **Cinema Two:** Back to the Future **Dekel:** Jewel of the Nile 7:15, 9:30; **Drive-In:** Delta Force 7:15, 9:30 p.m.; sex film, 12 midnight; **Esther:** Nadia; **Gat:** Twice in a Lifetime; **Gordon:** The Official Story; **Hod:** Remo; **Lev I:** Wildcats 1:45, 5, 7:30, 9:45; Thur. 7:30, 9:45; **Lev II:** The Glenn Miller Story 1:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:30; **Limor Hamechudesh:** 9½ Weeks 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30; **Maxim:** Prizzi's Honor, 4:30, 7, 9:30; **Mograbi:** Iron Eagle; **Orly:** The Holcroft Covenant; **Paris:** When Father Was Away on Business, 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30; **Peer:** Forbidden Relations; **Shahaf:** Out of Africa 5:45, 9:15; **Studio:** Agnes of God; **Tchelet:** Jagged Edge; **Tel Aviv:** Sky Pirates; **Tel Aviv Museum:** Smile of the Lamb 4:30, 7:30, 9:30; **Zafon:** Eleni 4:30, 7, 9:30; **Israel Cinematheque:** Blood of the Condor 7; The Criminal 9:30; **Tamuz:** Water 7:15, 9:30; **Institut Francais:** Mon Oncle 7:30; **Beth Hatefutsoth:** Exodus 8:30

**HAIFA 4:30, 7, 9:15**
**Amphitheatre:** Remo; **Armon:** Iron Eagle; **Atzmon:** No Milk Today; **Chen:** Wildcats; **Orah:** Out of Africa 6, 9; **Orly:** Twice in a Lifetime; **Peer:** Spies Like Us; **Ron:** Pyramid of Fear 4, 6:45, 9; **Shavit:** Official Story 7, 9; **Rav-Gat 1:** Jewel of the Nile; **Rav-Gat 2:** Nadia 4:30, 7, 9; **Keren Or Hamechudash:** When Father Was Away on Business 4, 6:30, 9

**RAMAT GAN**
**Armon:** Iron Eagle 5, 7:15, 9:30; **Lily:** 9½ Weeks 7:15, 9:30; **Oasis:** Wildcats 7:15, 9:30; **Ordea:** No Milk Today 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **Ramat Gan:** Remo, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **Rav-Gan 1:** A Chorus Line, 5, 7:20, 9:40; **Rav-Gan 2:** When Father Was Away on Business 4:15, 6:50, 9:30; **Rav-Gan 3:** Twice in a Lifetime 5, 7:30, 9:40; **Rav-Gan 4:** Jagged Edge 7:20, 9:45

**HERZLIYA**
**David:** Prizzi's Honor 7, 9:30; **Hechal:** To Live and Die in L.A. 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **New Tiferet:** Wildcats 4:30, 7:15, 9:15 **Daniel Hotel Auditorium:** Target 7:15, 9:30

**HOLON**
**Migdal:** Twice in a Lifetime 7:15, 9:30; **Savoy:** Out of Africa 6, 9; **Armon Hamechudash:** Iron Eagle 7:15, 9:30 (Sun., Tue, Wed., Thur. 5)

**BAT YAM**
**Atzmaut:** To Live and Die in L.A. 4:30, 7:15, 9:30

**GIVATAYIM**
**Hadar:** Out of Africa, 6, 9

**RAMAT HASHARON**
**Kochav:** Rocky IV 7; Gulag 9:30; Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom 4

**PETAH TIKVA**
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# Jobless threat worries Jordan

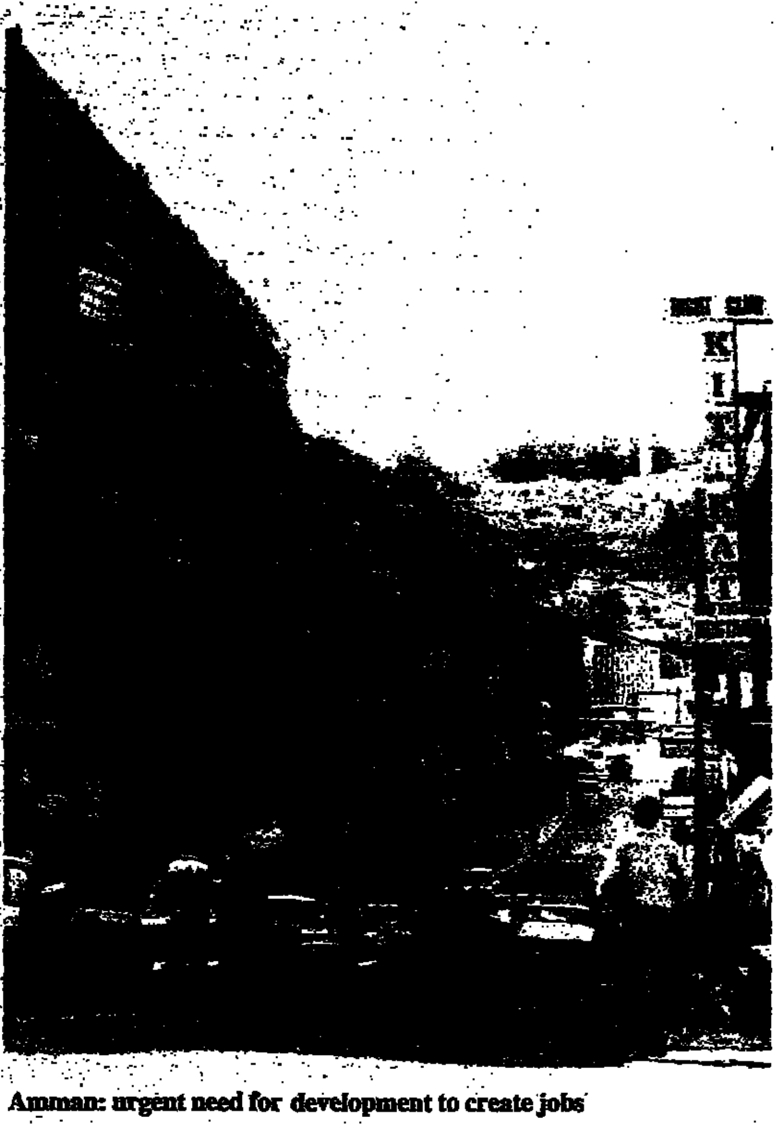
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE Jordanian prime minister's promise that the new development plan will create more than 100,000 job opportunities illustrates that politicians are fast waking up to the threat posed by unemployment. But even if the public and private sectors are successful in creating a demand for labour of this magnitude, the question remains as to whether even that will be enough.

By the government's own admission, the present level of joblessness amounts to 6 per cent of the labour force in Jordan, or some 30,000 people. The relatively young age of the population, the increasing number of women looking for employment and the risk of a net return of Jordanian migrant labour may exacerbate this situation during the life of the plan.

There are over 100,000 foreign workers employed in the kingdom (although this figure has fallen by about 29 per cent since 1984 without reversing the trend in local unemployment). But over 70 per cent of those remaining are Egyptians who work for the most part in badly paid and low status jobs and it is unlikely that Jordanian nationals would want to replace them.

In view of the seriousness of this problem, the Ministry of Labour has issued new regulations to prevent the illegal employment of foreigners. The inspection of enterprises employing foreigners has been increased, with inspectors authorized to work out of office hours. However, the ministry has extended the period of grace during which those working illegally must either obtain the appropriate credentials or leave the country. The ministry has also stopped issuing work permits for those seeking jobs in the fields of office administration, accountancy, marketing, education or any other field where qualified Jordanians are available.



Amman: urgent need for development to create jobs

# A taste of Gaddafi's Libya

ROBERT H. REID/Tripoli

THE HOTTEST-SELLING items in the Spartan duty free shop at Tripoli airport are full-colour posters of headless corpses.

If that's too strong for a traveller's taste, or if supplies are sold out, the airport's Green Book Shop also sells posters of a smiling Libyan leader Col. Muammar Gaddafi.

A stroll through the airport offers numerous insights into the political life of this country of three million.

Unlike other airports in the Arab world, the arrival and departure signs as well as all announcements over the public address system here are exclusively in Arabic.

This is part of Gaddafi's policy of eliminating the official use of foreign languages, which he regards as vestiges of colonial domination.

There is one exception, however, to the restrictions on the use of foreign languages.

Large green signs containing English quotations from Gaddafi's political bible, the Green Book, are everywhere in the terminal. They proclaim Gaddafi slogans, like "No democracy without peoples' congresses," or "Partners, not wage earners."

THE GOVERNMENT portrays Gaddafi as a pioneer in humanity's struggle against imperialist domination and a champion of what it calls "true democracy."

One German-language book, published by the Libyan government and on sale in the bookshop, bears the title, "From Hegel to Gaddafi."

It equates Gaddafi with the great 19th century German philosopher Hegel, whose works influence the later schools of idealism, existentialism, socialism and instrumentalism.

After the April 15 U.S. air raids against Libya, the airport bookshop began selling posters purportedly showing civilian victims of the bombing, some of whom were decapitated or burned beyond recognition.

"Sorry, finished, all sold out," was the reply when a reporter asked if he could buy one of the posters, copies of which were exhibited in the shop window.

The posters are similar to those exhibited daily in the city's downtown Green Square. They appear to be part of a government campaign against the U.S. government's claim that the attack was directed at "centers of terrorism" and not at the Libyan people.

The U.S. Defence Department said in Washington that five bombs dropped by U.S. warplanes over Libya accidentally hit civilian areas.

In keeping with Gaddafi's decentralized style of government, which rests on a system of semi-autonomous "peoples committees," five different sets of security-minded police roam the airport. Each is independent of the others.

Embassies warn foreign travellers that if they run afoul of any one of the five, negotiations for their release may be delayed for days while consular officers determine which group made the arrest.

Gaddafi's philosophy proclaims "The people rule" and that under his unique brand of socialism, workers are "partners, not wage earners." The Green Book boasts that this formula brings real freedom and democracy.

But in Libya, it sometimes seems no one is in charge because, as Libyans love to boast, "The people rule" and, therefore, everyone is in charge.

Pupils at a girls' school in Tripoli undergo military training in keeping with Colonel Gaddafi's teachings. (Camera Press)

On a recent visit, two departing Western reporters, pockets bulging with unspent and unconvertible Libyan dinars, approached the departure lounge bar to buy fruit juice, the strongest beverage available in a country where alcohol is banned.

"The bar is closed," explained one of the four men behind the counter. He said the fifth worker was the only one authorized to use the cash register, and he was having lunch.

A few moments later, the reporters noticed two other travellers being served. Assuming that the bar had reopened, the two tried again.

"No. The bar is closed," was the reply. When the pair asked the bartenders why they were serving others, one of the young Libyans smiled and replied, "because we wanted to." (AP)

# Sudan sizzles over issue of Islamic law

HAMZA HENDAWI/Khartoum

SUDAN'S Islamic Sharia laws have become the country's hottest political issue, posing Prime Minister Sadek Mahdi's fledgling democratic government a serious dilemma over whether to keep, repeal or amend them.

Islamic laws, derived from the sayings of the Prophet Mohammed and the Koran, were introduced in September 1983 by now-ousted president Jaafar Numeiri, who said they would put mainly Moslem Sudan on the path to prosperity.

But the Sharia code, involving amputation of hands for theft and hanging for heresy, fuelled anti-government insurgency in the mainly pagan or Christian south and triggered an outcry among Sudan's Western backers and human rights groups.

Its future was a key issue in last month's elections. Politicians say Mahdi's handling of the issue will determine how Sudan's democratic experiment evolves in the immediate future.

The rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), which has fought government troops in southern Sudan since 1983, insists on abrogation of Sharia as a condition for peace talks, a demand shared by southern political parties.

Southerners also want a secular constitution to safeguard the rights of Sudan's non-Moslem minority. The demands are expected to be raised at a proposed national constitutional conference next month, which the Ethiopian-backed SPLA has said it will attend.

Mahdi, in a major concession to the SPLA and southern political groups, has said he intends to repeal Sharia before bringing in what he terms a "moderate Islamic code" applying only to Moslems. A different judicial code would govern non-Moslems.

THIS PLAN ran into opposition from his coalition partner, the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), which favours amendments to existing Sharia laws but not their repeal.

In a "national charter" drafted last month, the DUP and Mahdi's Umma party agreed that the 301-seat constituent assembly elected last month should have the last word. Diplomats said the outcome of a vote on the issue when the assembly meets next month is hard to forecast.

The Umma has 99 seats and the DUP 63, giving them a combined majority if all members follow party lines. But the diplomats said growing signs of DUP sympathy for the hard-line pro-Sharia National Islamic Front (NIF) have thrown the vote wide open.

The Sharia issue was the main reason for the exclusion of the NIF, led by Hassan Tourabi, from negotiations to form a broad-based government, they added.

Tourabi, a top aide of Numeiri in 1983, was the architect of Sharia's introduction, but the ex-president accused Tourabi of conspiring to topple him and jailed him shortly before Numeiri was overthrown in April 1985.

The NIF, which holds 51 parliamentary seats, insists Sharia must stay untouched – a view which made Umma legislators, who see Tourabi as an extremist, refuse to share power with the NIF.

THE RECORD of punishments under Islamic law during Numeiri's regime shocked moderates. There are no official figures, but by one unofficial count there were nine public hangings, 70 amputations of hands or feet and several hundred floggings in five months of emergency laws beginning in April 1984.

Numeiri, who now lives in Cairo, relaxed most Sharia rules before his overthrow. The army generals who toppled him and then ruled for a year before quitting last month avoided taking any action on the issue.

As politicians continue to squabble over Sharia, ordinary Sudanese are making the most of a more relaxed atmosphere. Discos have reopened in Khartoum and officials are turning a blind eye. Young couples stroll hand-in-hand in quiet areas of the capital, something unthinkable in the heyday of Sharia.

Alcohol is still banned, but the rich manage to buy smuggled liquor. The poor make their own from dates and sugar cane.

Diplomats said only a few people had been sentenced to amputations or flogging since Numeiri's overthrow, but no sentences had been carried out since early 1985.

But they said official repeal of Sharia would offend Sudan's Moslems, including those who regarded Islamic punishments under Numeiri as extreme, because they would not want to see Islamic doctrine scrapped for political reasons.

"Giving in to demands for their abrogation and a secular constitution will be seen by some as a humiliating concession to the southern rebels," said one diplomat, citing rising anti-southern sentiment in the north. (Reuter)

# Palestinian view of occupation

RON JOURARD

IT'S BEEN impossible to discover how much West Bank land has been registered in the names of Jews, writes Ramallah lawyer Raja Shehadeh in *Occupier's Law – Israel and the West Bank*. The information, he charges, is kept in a "secret" land registration department at military headquarters in accordance with Military Order 569.

Shehadeh, son of lawyer Aziz Shehadeh, who was murdered last year, is the founder of Law in the Service of Man, the West Bank affiliate of the International Commission of Jurists. The book has been published in Washington D.C. by the Institute for Palestine Studies.

Order 569 provides for the registration of transactions in state land or land that has been seized for military or public use. The property rights of West Bank settlers are based on these transactions.

The records kept according to Order 569 are in fact stored at the Jerusalem Land Registry Office. While it is true that access to them is restricted to those empowered to deal in state lands – virtually always Jews, they are not secret. Similar restrictions govern access to records in the seven Arab administered Tabu offices in the West Bank. Likewise, other records maintained by the government, such as the Population Register, are open only to those with a legitimate interest. Furthermore, a researcher or journalist seeking information on the records can obtain special permission to examine them or receive answers to questions on their contents.

Sinister-sounding assertions about "secret" records at "military headquarters" detract from the objectivity of what is otherwise a telling and readable account of how Israel has used the law to tighten its stranglehold over the occupied territories.

The book painstakingly details the legal manipulations Israel has used to assume direct control over 41 per cent of the land in the West Bank. Shehadeh relates the process by which large areas have been declared state land since 1979, and the difficulties facing Palestinians who try to oppose such declarations. For example, a deal made in good faith between the Custodian of State Land and another person in land considered state property will remain valid even if a Palestinian can prove that he is the owner.

*Occupier's Law* is not a work of disinterested scholarship. Shehadeh states in his introduction: "It is the thesis of this study that the policy which Israel has been pursuing in the West Bank is intended to drive out the Palestinians, to take over their land, and eventually to annex the occupied territories."

This, he writes, is Israel's "declared aim" and reflects a "definite and deliberate" policy.

Shehadeh seems to ignore the fact that the intense disagreement among Israelis over what to do with the West Bank precludes the formulation of any clear-cut, long-term policy for the area. At most, the beginnings of such a policy can be discerned in the ambiguous language of the Camp David agreement. And, as Shehadeh notes, that document binds Israel to the "principle of withdrawal of its military government and the establishment of local autonomy for the Palestinians."

To attribute Israel's legal maneuverings on the West Bank to an unequivocal master-plan is thus unduly pessimistic.

Shehadeh ignores the positive side of Israeli legal action in the West Bank. For example, in 1971 a military order amended Jordanian labour law to facilitate the resolution of work disputes through arbitration. A 1980 order extended the Jordanian Education and Culture Law to recognize West Bank universities as degree-granting institutions.

But Shehadeh is on firmer ground when he charges that Israel's settlement policy is a "distortion of existing law and of Israel's duty as an occupier." He notes that according to Article 55 of the 1907 Hague Regulations, which Israel recognizes, the occupying power shall be regarded only as the usufructor and administrator of state property.

"A usufructor may enjoy the use of the property but may not impair its substance or alter its character," Shehadeh notes.

He states that the settlement of the Jews in the West Bank is contrary to the Fourth Geneva Convention, to which Israel is a signatory. Article 49 of the convention bars the occupying power from the "transfer or deportation of its own civilian population into the territory it occupies."

He does not discuss the history of the article, which was designed to protect the separate national existence of the local inhabitants and their economic welfare. Nor does he consider the possibility that the voluntary movement of Jews to the occupied territory may not come under the ban.

Shehadeh also describes the military government and civilian administration in the West Bank, and the area's judicial system. The last part of the book is titled "Violations of Palestinian Human Rights in the West Bank."

*Occupier's Law* requires more thorough footnoting, especially in view of the gravity of some of its charges.

Footnotes are in order, for example, when the author states: "An illiteracy (sic) programme serving around 8,000 adults was asked by the social welfare department to stop on the grounds that it uses prohibited books." (p. 9)

Or: "The military courts have tried cases of murder committed by Palestinians against other Palestinians. The decision to transfer such cases (from a local court) to a military court often appears to be due to the fact that the accused is a collaborator whom the military is interested in protecting." (p. 85)

Or: "The most significant restriction which... the Palestinian (local) councils suffer from is the need to request permission from the military authorities to borrow money and to accept money that is offered as a gift or a loan. The power to refuse or grant such permits (sic) is used as a punishment or reward by the authorities against the municipalities and villages." (p. 68)

The book would make a stronger impact if it were better documented and if the author avoided polemics. Facts speak for themselves.

But despite its excursions into the realm of propaganda, *Occupier's Law* is a good source for anyone interested in the legal aspects of Israel's occupation.

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## THE COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

# Ministries' internal control found lacking

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
*Jerusalem Post* Reporter

The internal comptroller of the Finance Ministry retired in May 1985, but as of the end of the year the minister had not appointed a successor.

In the Prime Minister's Office, a veteran government worker was appointed internal comptroller on the basis of an internal tender improperly administered. Since his appointment in November 1984, he has not dealt with control matters at all and has reported no findings.

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In July 1983, the Knesset charged the Ministry of Economics and Planning with issuing directives aimed at keeping internal comptrollers from being assigned any executive duties. As of the end of 1985, no directives were issued. In 11 of the 26 control units examined, the head of the unit did in fact perform additional duties.

All this has occurred despite an October 1980 cabinet decision, calling for the strengthening of the internal control units, later endorsed by the Knesset, the State Comptroller reported in his investigation of internal control in ministries and state agencies.

While there has been an improvement in internal control since the State Comptroller dealt with the matter four years ago, he concluded that much remains to be done. Among his recommendations: establishing control targets dealing with the main activities of the units, the preparation of annual work plans, and a systematic follow-up of recommendations made by the State and internal comptrollers.

Some of the other functions performed by internal comptrollers were:

- In the Housing Ministry, he was a member of four of the ministry's committees, including the supreme committee on tenders for rural and new-settlement construction.
- In the Justice Ministry he was a member of the committee examining the work load in the State Attorney's Office and the committee examining agreements with private contractors.
- In the Industry and Trade Ministry, the internal comptroller, or someone representing him, was a member of the ministry's financing funds committees, which decide on granting loans to industrial concerns and of the ministry's central procurement committee.
- In the Israel Lands Administration, he was a member of the directorate, participates in its discussions and expressing opinions.

The State Comptroller said the line between control and executive functions has been insufficiently clear. On the one hand, the participation of the internal comptrollers in executive bodies was liable to put them in the position of having to criticize activities in which they have been involved. On the other hand, there have been activities in which the comptroller's participation at the decision-making stage may serve to correct and prevent shortcomings. Thus it was important, said the State Comptroller, to lay down rules on this point.

Although the civil service regulations require it, three control units failed to prepare annual work plans in the years 1983-85: the accountant-general's branch, the Prime Minister's Office (where the scope of control activities was termed "extremely limited"), and the Religious Affairs Ministry (whose internal comptroller performed no control activities at all).

The internal comptrollers of the Tourism Ministry and the Industry and Trade Ministry did prepare annual plans but did not carry them out.

Despite the resolutions of the cabinet and the Knesset, there has been no basic improvement in the *quality or quantity of control units*, the State Comptroller found.

Not all internal comptrollers were found to be responsible directly to the director-general of their ministry or agency, as the cabinet has said they should be. Both in the Prime Minister's Office and in the Treasury, the internal comptroller was found to be responsible to the deputy director-general. In six other units examined, the internal comptroller was responsible to an official other than the director-general.

Forty per cent of the comptroller staffs did not have the university education required by the civil service regulations. In eight cases, this applied to the internal comptroller himself. And even among those with a university education, not all were qualified in one of the areas the cabinet decision had specified: accounting, control, law, or public administration. And only in one control unit, the National Insurance Institute, was there an employee who had specialized in electronic data processing.

In the Religious Affairs Ministry, the internal comptroller did not do his job in the period 1979-81. He retired in October 1981 but was not replaced until November 1982, and then with a non-academic.

Only eight of the 26 internal comptrollers examined took complaints from the public. These were in the ministries of Finance, Housing, Religious Affairs, Foreign Affairs, and Justice, and the courts' administration, the Israel Police, and the Israel Lands Administration.

In most of the remaining 18 units, the internal comptroller did not examine the action taken by the unit involved as a result of a complaint, even though, under the civil service regulations, this is part of his job.

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# Keeping its head above water

Yitzhak Oked

IN A tough and competitive world market in the field of PVC pressure pipes, fittings and drip irrigation systems, the Plastro Gvat plant seems to be keeping its head way above water.

During 1986, Kibbutz Gvat Meuchad's plant expects a $12.5 million turnover of which $3.5m. will be exports. This is compared to $3m. in exports in 1985.

Plant manager Aharon Lutzky told *The Jerusalem Post* that they believe their growth in the world market is due to their remaining a science based industry turning out high quality products. "Many plants both here and abroad make similar products. The only edge we can have is making better quality products."

The factory is now celebrating its 20th birthday. It started out producing PVC pipes, but the kibbutz soon realized that for the factory to grow it must have more products. Today its long series of products includes a new type of drip irrigation system, the latest being a pressure compensating dripper. This enables each plant in the field to receive the same amount of water as others no matter where it is located along the water pipe.

The Gvat Meuchad's plant employs 120 workers, all kibbutz members. Many of them are senior citizens, some even 80 years old or more.

ONE OF the plant's departments, managed by an engineer, has a sophisticated computer which is programmed with a special system for irrigation. All possible problems and calculations, *including water pressures*, have been fed into the computer by a team of the very best water experts in Israel.

This department was established mainly as a customer service so as to give Gvat a better competitive edge in their tough market. Today if one of their clients, no matter where he is in the world, can send a telex or a field map to the kibbutz, he can receive a precise answer to his problem in a matter of hours with the aid of a facsimile and regular telephone lines.

In the cramped kibbutz room, there was a large plotter attached to the computer. A plotter with the aid of the computer can do in minutes what would take some draughtsmen hours or days to draw.

We saw the plotter drawing a large irrigation project for a Caribbean country. "We are participating in an international tender for this project. With the aid of our computer," says Lutzky, "we will be able to give them a map that will include all the irrigation equipment needed and what the price will be."

This specific several thousand dunam project is a mango plantation, which the kibbutz hopes to offer as a turnkey project. In such projects, kibbutz experts help the local people plant and harvest the fruit and also teach them how to run the plantation once they have left.

Lutzky revealed that thanks to these high-tech methods the kibbutz has an excellent name in many countries, *including* the United States where they have won tenders for turnkey projects in agriculture. The latest one, a $600,000 irrigation project in New Mexico, is nearly completed.

Lutzky added that if the Bank of Israel would grant larger long term credit plans to their foreign customers, they could probably increase their turnkey projects and export more irrigation systems. He said that their competitors in Spain and Italy give better and long term credit.

CONCERNING THE future, he said that the sky is the limit. According to Lutzky, less than one per cent of all the fields in the world are using some sort of irrigation system. "We just have to know how best to sell and on the best terms possible."

He admitted that being part of a kibbutz socialist society can sometimes be a drawback when trying to compete in a capitalistic world market. "What we try to do is be good socialists at home but out in the world act as any other capitalist would."

"We are not too happy, for example, that we have to sell to South Africa. But we are not the only country in the world selling to them. We also know," adds Lutzky, "that some of our equipment reaches our enemies in Arab countries."

When asked if all this business was not detrimental to his life as a kibbutznik, Lutzky replied: "No. We have many built-in checks and balances. For example, as plant manager I still live in the same house, eat the same food, and perform all my extra duties, *toraniyot*, as all other kibbutz members. In addition, I'll be rotated from my job after four years."

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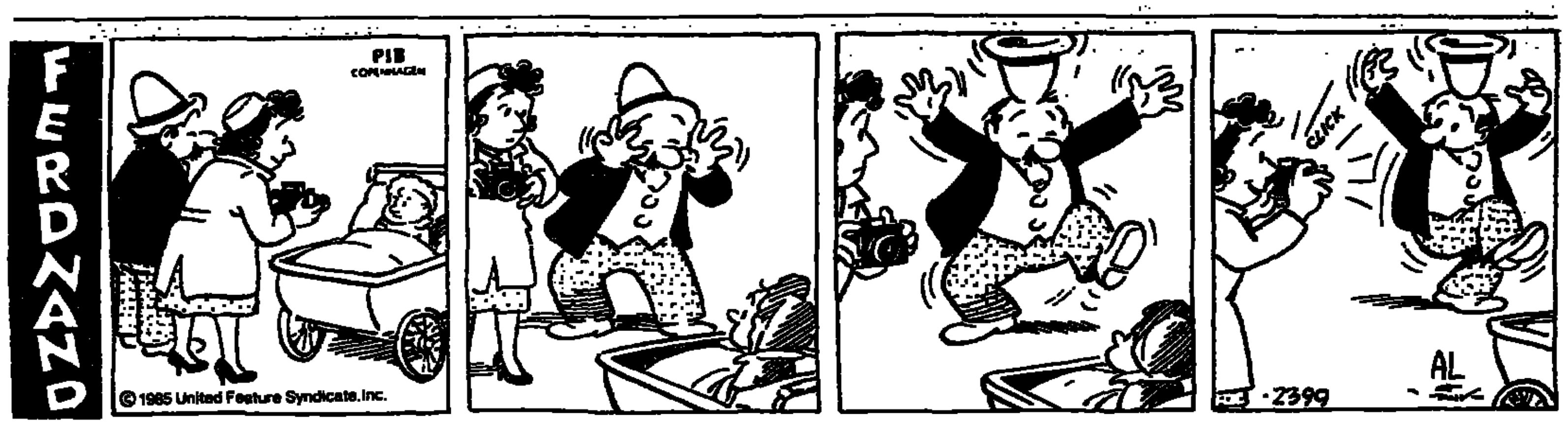

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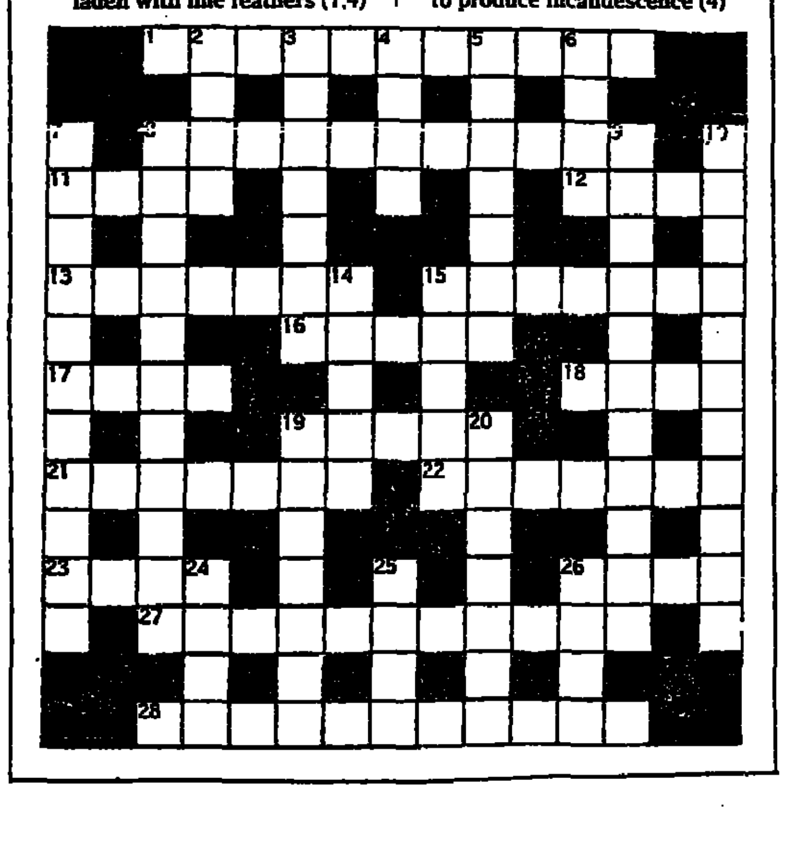
10 Rip identity to pieces to get courage (11)
14 Negro mutilated beyond hope (5)
15 Much inclined to soak in a tub (5)
19 Tradesman who invariably offers cut prices (7)
20 Lolled about one of the bars taking note (7)
24 Very pleasant Mediterranean resort (4)
25 The air in Amiens (4)
26 Acceleration not high enough to produce incandescence (4)



# GENERAL ASSISTANCE

## EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

**Jerusalem:** Neve Yaacov, Commercial Centre, 852243; Balsam, Salah Eddin, 272315; Shu'afat, Shu'afat Road, 810108; Dar Aldawa, Herod's Gate, 282058.
**Tel Aviv:** Hakirya, 19 Ibn Gabirol, 226686; Kupat Holim Clalit, 7 Amsterdam, 225142.
**Netanya:** Neot Shaked, Azorim Commercial Centre, 52484.
**Haifa:** Mazor, 97 Hameginim, 524113.

## DUTY HOSPITALS

**Jerusalem:** Shaare Zedek (pediatrics, surgery, orthopedics, *ophthalmology*), Bikur Holim (internal, obstetrics, E.N.T.).
**Tel Aviv:** Rokah (pediatrics), Ichilov (internal, surgery).
**Netanya:** Laniado.

## DENTAL

**Tel Aviv:** Dental Association clinic 49 Rehov Bar-Kochba, Friday: 6 p.m. to midnight: Saturday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tel. 03-284649.
Dental Clinic, 25 Rehov Ahimeir, Ramat Aviv Gimmel, Shabbat and holidays: 6 p.m. *– 10 p.m. Weekday evenings: 4.30 – 10, Tel.* 03-425832.

## POLICE

**Dial 100 in most parts of the country. In Tiberias dial 924444, Kiryat Shmona 4444.**

## FIRST AID

Magen David Adom emergency phone numbers (round the clock service).

| | |
|---|---|
| Ashdod 41333 | Jerusalem *523133 |
| Ashkelon 23333 | Kiron 344442 |
| Bat Yam *5511111 | Kiryat Shmona *44334 |
| Beersheba 74767 | Nahariya *923333 |
| Carmiel *988555 | Netanya *23333 |
| Dan Region *781111 | Petah Tikva *9231111 |
| Eilat 7233 | Rehovot *451333 |
| Hadera 22333 | Rishon LeZion 942333 |
| Haifa *512233 | Safed 30333 |
| Hatzor 36333 | Tel Aviv *240111 |
| Holon 803133 | Tiberias *90111 |

Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) service in the area around the clock.
101 Emergency phone number *in most areas.*

**"Eran" — Mental Health First Aid, Tel:** Jerusalem 227171, Tel Aviv 261111/2, Haifa 672222, Beersheba 418111, Netanya 35316.

**Rape Crisis Centre** (24 hours), for help call Tel Aviv, 234819, Jerusalem – 245554, and Haifa 88791.

**Jerusalem Institute for Drug Problems.** *Tel. 663828, 663902, 14 Bethlehem Rd.*

**The National Poison Control Centre** at Rambam Hospital, phone (04)529205, for emergency calls, 24 hours a day, for information in case of poisoning.

**Kupat Holim Information Centre** Tel, 03-433300, 433500 Sunday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. *Fridays* 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

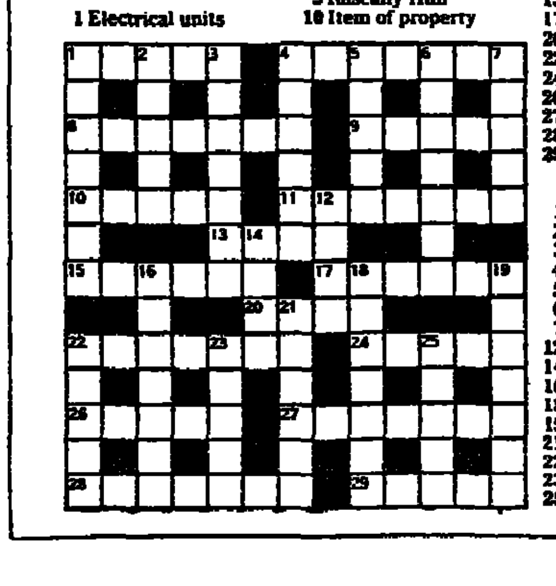
## FLIGHTS

**24—Hours Flight Information Service:** Call 03-9712484 (multi-line). Arrivals Only (Taped Message) 03-381111 (20 lines)

**QUICK CROSSWORD**

**ACROSS**

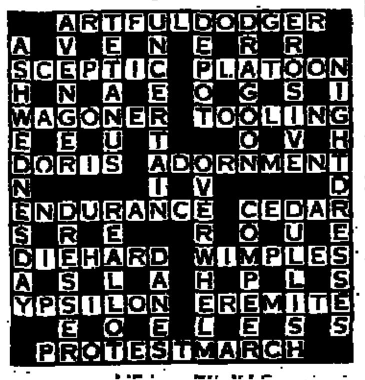
1 Electrical units
4 Fiddling accounts
8 Yellow field flower
9 Rascally Hun
10 Item of property
11 Large properties
13 Nobleman
15 Harangue
17 King of the Fairies
20 Finished
22 Feudal estate
24 Clive battle
26 Lubricated
27 Part of foot (3-4)
28 Foretell
29 Give in



**DOWN**

1 Written authority
2 Roman garments
3 Called loudly
4 Knife dealer
5 Satellite path
6 Agitator
7 Estimate
12 Wild plum
14 An age
16 Type of rose
18 Courage
19 Irritated
21 Let off steam
22 Wearily sag
23 Marsh plant
25 Long legged bird

**Yesterday's Solution**



**QUICK SOLUTION**

**ACROSS:** 1 Trance, 4 Verse, 8 Ripen, 9 Residue, 10 Emotion, 11 Drag, 12 Kit, 14 Fete, 15 Arch, 18 Rim, 21 Easy, 23 Epicure, 25 Trotter, 26 Upset, 27 Enter, 28 Angler. *DOWN:* 1 Target, 2 Approve, 3 Consider, 4 Vast, 5 Rider, 6 Emerge, 7 Frank, 13 Taciturn, 16 Counsel, 17 Centre, 19 Merry, 20 Better, 22 Short, 24 Stir.

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## MARKET PLACE

PINHAS LANDAU

# Broker expands his horizons

Betucha is the largest private brokerage firm operating on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. Owned by the Clal Group, it is in the rare position of being neither a commercial bank, whose role in the securities business is in danger in the wake of the Bejski and Gabbai reports, nor a small, privately-owned brokerage, the kind that is now operating under the cloud of the FIT scandal. Thus, it has been ideally placed to take advantage of recent developments in and around the stock exchange. This is exactly what it intends to do, according to managing director Simha Reshef.

In the next few days, Betucha is opening a branch in Rehovot, number six in a network that includes offices in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Haifa, Ramat Gan and Ramat Hasharon. The Rehovot office has been in the works for some time, but the company is now considering speeding up its plans to open several more branches. Whether that will happen by the end of 1987 or is delayed until 1988-89 will depend more on the laws and regulations that the Knesset and others choose to pass in the wake of Bejski, than on any other factor.

In this connection, Reshef and other brokers would obviously like to see a programme to gradually reduce the role of the banks in the capital markets. That would give the brokers plenty of time to ready themselves for the new opportunities. Betucha, with its Clal backing, would be able to command the capital and administrative resources necessary for such reforms. But, as Reshef is quick to admit, what he would like is by no means the same as what might actually emerge.

Even without extra branches, however, Betucha has significantly expanded its activities recently. For most of 1984 and 1985 the company maintained a very low profile on the stock exchange, in line with the very poor state of affairs in the share market generally. But late last year, the economists at Betucha and in the Clal's economic department decided that the recovery of salaries after their sharp erosion under the government's economic stability programme would bring the market back to life. Their prediction proved correct, and Betucha's mutual funds, as well as its individual investment counsellors, became a leading factor in the market advance of early 1986.

A mutual fund that had been allowed to run down its assets almost to zero, was re-issued and quickly took in $10m. of new money. Meanwhile, the five funds that the company runs through a separate subsidiary expanded from an asset level of around $3m., which had held for the past two years, to around $25m. today.

During the long slump period, when brokers generally had little to do in the market, Betucha expanded its range of activities to non-bourse financial services. It became very active mediating in unlinked shekel deposits, taking deposits from clients, re-depositing them in banks and obtaining for them higher interest rates than they could achieve alone. In short, it was a sort of primitive money market fund. Betucha also began advising companies on money management in the period of hyper-inflation. These new lines of business, coupled with staff reductions and other cost-cutting, enabled Betucha to keep in the black during the lean years.

It remains to be seen when the good times will return to the stock exchange. The outlook, according to Betucha, is cloudy, if not stormy. The flood of new issues, mostly in the bond market, which are currently underway as part of the Treasury's help to those sectors in financial difficulty, will soak up most of the potential money for the stock market. In addition, inflation is expected to run at the 2-3 per cent-a-month range in coming months, rather than going lower as it has been recently. Thus, after having lowered their exposure to the share market, Betucha is now sitting on the fence, waiting to see if any new trends emerge.

For the longer term, though, Betucha expects to recommence growing. Its policy of carefully selecting investment counsellors and of adding in-house training, combine to give them – so the firm claims – a qualitative advantage over the banks. Betucha's computerized communication and research backup is at least as good, if not better, than anybody else's in the business, the company says. Whether the structure and then the atmosphere of the stock exchange will change sufficiently to allow them to put their claims to the test, however, is quite another matter.

## Oshap sales up in quarter

ANTWERP. – Oshap Technologies, an Israeli manufacturer of automated factory systems, said first quarter sales jumped 79 per cent from the same period a year ago to just under $2 million. The net loss for the quarter was $40,632, down 77 per cent from the same time in 1985.

Oshap president Shlomo Dovrat said a number of contracts concluded in the quarter contained contingency clauses and were excluded from current sales figures. He said they are likely to appear in second quarter figures.

# 'Rise in city rates is irresponsible'

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

TEL AVIV. – The sharp increase in municipal rates in April accounted for about one-third of the consumer price index – thus boosting the size of the cost-of-living allowance – and increased the country's internal debt by some $250 million, the Federation of Israel Chambers of Commerce said yesterday.

"This proves that the municipal rates' hike was an irresponsible, shortsighted act, deriving from a lack of understanding of Israel's economic structure and contempt for the warnings on the issue," said federation president Dan Gillerman.

The federation called on businessmen throughout the country to delay paying their municipal rates for as long as legally possible. The federation said it was also asking Knesset members to sign a petition asking the prime minister, and the finance and interior ministers to appoint a public committee to determine set criteria for the municipal rates.

"This situation is intolerable. Every marginal tax has to undergo the Knesset's approval, after the Knesset's Finance Committee's approval," said Zvi Amit, federation secretary. "Yet here we have municipal rates being determined – sometimes with huge price differences between one town and another – according to the mood and tendencies of that town's council members."

Despite the price freeze, municipal rates prices were raised by as much 100 per cent above the increase in the price index. While annual inflation last year reached 400 per cent, the rates rose by 500 to 800 per cent.

Following the public outcry which ensued, the Interior Minister limited the hike in rates to 170 per cent, equivalent to the index rise in the year to February 1986. However the increase in the index in the 12 months to April, when the rates were reset, was only 117 per cent.

"As a result, business had to sell products at frozen prices, but paid much more for municipal rates. The local authorities had less expenses due to wage erosion and price freezes, while making much more off their inflated rates," federation sources said.

The lack of any uniform criteria for determining municipal rates creates absurd situations. The federation found that a workshop owner in Lod may pay much more than a similar businessman in Tel Aviv. Local authorities tend to set their rates according to their budget deficit. Thus many developing townships impose higher rates than cities.

The lack of clear economic criteria for municipal rates also enables each local authority to form its own rates grades, "according to its exclusive considerations and the idiosyncrasies of its leaders," Amit told *The Jerusalem Post*. Moreover, local authorities charge additional fees – such as sanitation and sign taxes – which once were included in the municipal rates, it was learned.

The sharp differences in municipal business rates between one town and another causes economic distortions, the federation charged. "Sometimes two identical businesses, located side by side or across the street from each other, pay hugely different municipal rates, because they belong to two different municipal authorities," Amit said.

It is almost impossible to compare the business rates among the local authorities because some authorities charge by the square metre, while others by the room. Each authority defines a room by a different number of square metres. Some sub-divide businesses into categories such as banks and offices, while others include these groups in the same category.

A general comparison of average municipal rates for industry and crafts in a grade A zone shows a wide difference in levies.

A square metre of an industrial plant or workshop in Lod costs NIS 41.60; in Rishon Lezion NIS 24.20; in Netanya NIS 24; in Bat Yam NIS 24; in Petah Tikva NIS 23; in Tel Aviv NIS 21 to 25; in Ramle NIS 19.50; in Jerusalem NIS 16.44; in Haifa NIS 16; in Holon NIS 15.70 and in Ashdod NIS 8.10. These rates are still to be updated according to the Interior Ministry's instructions, but have not been changed yet.

**Dov Lautman took over as president of the Manufacturers Association yesterday, succeeding Eli Hurvitz. Lautman, who founded Delta 11 years ago, has been serving as acting president of the association for some time.** (P.P.A.)

## EGYPT TIES

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nied any Syrian connection with the attempt to plant a bomb on the El Al plane, and had expressed his readiness to help obtain the release of the American hostages held by Hizbollah in Lebanon.

This was verbal progress, Peres said, but the test was not in words but in deeds. The test would be whether Syria continued to serve as the flagship for all those terrorist organizations; whether its intelligence arm continued to abet terrorism; whether the kidnappers of civilians continued to enjoy a haven in the Beka'a, at Baalbek, and in Beirut.

Peres warned, however, that if Syria, despite Assad's declarations, continued to serve as a host for terrorism, the world today was equipped with a series of countermeasures, diplomatic and economic. "It is not essential to take up arms," he said.

He pointed out that dealing with the terrorist aspect of Syria was no longer exclusively an Israeli affair. "There is today an international coalition that has at its disposal a range of means richer than our own to deal with state terrorism or a terrorist state."

As to the Syrian deployment in Lebanon, Peres said that Israel had made its stand clear: it had no wish to create a threat to Syria, and it would not agree to Syria's creating an aggressive threat to Israel.

Israel had sought to abate the recent "verbal escalation," Peres said, and he had read that Assad was likewise not interested in such an escalation. That was naturally an approach that was preferable to words that aimed at kindling flames in the region.

The prime minister noted that Israel had proposed to Syria the discussion of additional interim arrangements with the objective of arriving at a comprehensive peace. But Assad was striving to attain strategic parity with Israel, and meanwhile paying a heavy economic price to enlarge his army and enrich his armories – "as if a settlement can come about as a result of a military confrontation rather than from political negotiations."

"We have read with interest the remarks of the president of Syria on easing the tension, and we reiterate that if Syria is bent on a future of peace, we will be ready to enter into negotiations with it, without prior conditions."

Peres praised the U.S. government for standing in the forefront of the struggle against international terrorism. He said that this was in the best tradition of the U.S., "which has gone to war at least twice in this century, not to defend its own soil, but to defend its values."

The prime minister repeated his suggestion for a "Marshall Plan" for the Middle East, but without using that term. The drop in oil prices had become an urgent regional problem, he said, and the neighbours of the oil-producing countries were suffering from it even more than the producers themselves.

For the aid they used to get from the producers had been cut, work abroad had been reduced, agricultural exports were down, and terrorism had severely hurt tourism. In contrast, outlays on arms continued to be high. The overall picture, said Peres, was one of shaky economies, expensive weaponry, hesitant policies, and ground that was trembling under their feet.

All this, followed by radicalization in the region, would certainly pose a threat to peace prospects.

If the oil producing countries had lost $100 billion in the past year, the profit had been reaped by the oil-purchasing countries. Some of that profit should be invested in preventing the grave situations that were liable to develop, the prime minister said.

Some of the points made in the debate were:

**Elazar Granot (Mapam):** The prime minister had said not a word about the foolish bill to prohibit meetings with Palestinian personalities – a bill that aimed to close any opening for negotiations and was contrary to the nation's interests.

**Yoram Aridor (Likud-Herut):** Relations with Egypt must be ironed out before any attempt is made to solve the Taba problem...Israel would strive for peace under any government.

**Micha Harish (Alignment):** Syria's military build-up and its creeping advance in Lebanon could not be dealt with unless Israel talked to the Soviet Union and tried to restore diplomatic relations with it.

**Geula Cohen (Tehiya):** The government's guilt-ridden pursuit of peace and its conception that territorial concession would do the trick were a sure recipe for war. Peres's despair over Israel's strength and over aliya, were reminiscent of false prophets down the ages.

# Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

## MARKET STATISTICS

### Indices:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| General Share Index | 118.98 | +0.43% |
| Non-Bank Index | 139.43 | –0.21% |
| Arrangement | 107.11 | +0.81% |
| Insurance | 165.74 | –3.36% |
| Commerce, Services | 152.25 | +0.95% |
| Real Estate | 172.14 | –0.66% |
| Industrials | 129.46 | –0.23% |
| Textiles | 160.99 | +0.34% |
| Metals | 125.85 | –0.40% |
| Electronics | 111.06 | –0.31% |
| Chemicals | 127.27 | –0.14% |
| Industrial Invst. | 117.60 | –0.02% |
| Investment Cos. | 138.37 | +0.74% |
| General Bond Index | 107.20 | +0.34% |
| Index-linked Bonds | 108.17 | +0.32% |
| Fully-linked | 110.30 | +0.25% |
| Partially-linked | 106.70 | +0.37% |
| Dollar-linked Bonds | 98.68 | +0.41% |
| Short-term 0-2 yrs | 105.73 | +0.14% |
| Medium-term 2-5 yrs | 106.84 | +0.47% |
| Long-term 5+ yrs | 105.32 | +0.25% |

### Turnovers:

| | |
|---|---|
| Shares – total | NIS 11,514,400 |
| Arrangement | NIS 2,392,000 |
| Non-bank | NIS 9,122,400 |
| Bonds – total | NIS 6,724,000 |
| Index-linked | NIS 4,607,300 |
| Dollar-linked | NIS 2,116,700 |
| Treasury Bills | NIS 493,800 |

### Share Movements:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Advances | 123 | (232) |
| of which 5%+ | 23 | (66) |
| "buyers only" | 3 | (8) |
| Declines | 135 | (63) |
| of which 5%+ | 37 | (8) |
| "sellers only" | 6 | (2( |
| Unchanged | 122 | (87) |
| Trading Halt | 49 | (47) |

### Bond Market Trends:

| | |
|---|---|
| Index-linked | |
| 3% fully-linked | Mixed to 1% |
| 4.25% fully-linked | Rises to 1% |
| 80% linked | Rises to 1% |
| 90% linked | Mixed to 1% |
| Double-linked | Mixed to 1% |
| Dollar-linked: | |
| Admon | Rises to 1% |
| Rimon | Rises to 0.5% |
| Gilboa | Rises to 1% |
| For. Curr. denominated | Mixed to 2% |
| Treasury Bills (monthly yield) | 1.22% to 1.46% |

### Arrangement yields:

| | |
|---|---|
| IDB ord. | 11.78% |
| Union 0.1 | 11.63% |
| Discount A | 11.99% |
| Mizrahi r. | 11.67% |
| Hapoalim r. | 11.84% |
| General A | 11.81% |
| Leumi stock | 11.84% |
| Fin. Trade 1 | 11.38% |

## SELECTED PRICE QUOTATIONS

| Name | Price | Volume '000NIS | % change |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Commercial Banks** (not part of "arrangement") | | | |
| Maritime 1 | 1175 | 2034 | –0.2 |
| General non-arr. | 28451 | 93.0 | +0.4 |
| First Int'l | 3555 | 3376 | – |
| FIBI | 3790 | 5730 | – |
| **Commercial Banks** (part of "arrangement") | | | |
| IDBr | 81700 | 440 | +1.2 |
| Union 0.1 | 61000 | 334 | +1.0 |
| Discount | 103800 | 93 | – |
| Mizrahi | 33710 | 453 | +0.9 |
| Hapoalim r | 55440 | 1114 | +1.0 |
| General A | 141750 | 11 | – |
| Leumi 0.1 | 35220 | 2167 | +0.8 |
| Fin. Trade | 47200 | – | – |
| **Mortgage Banks** | | | |
| Leumi mort. r | 5407 | 2263 | – |
| Dev. Mort. | 1505 | 1951 | – |
| Mishkan r | 2250 | 1343 | +2.3 |
| Tefahot r | 14000 | 105 | +6.1 |
| Merav r | 4401 | 1145 | – |
| **Financial Institutions** | | | |
| Agric C | 61000 | 31 | +5.2 |
| Ind. Dev. DD | | no trading | |
| Clal Leasing 0.1 | 8560 | 175 | – |
| **Insurance** | | | |
| Ararat 0.1 r | 945 | 1700 | –5.4 |
| Hassneh r | 535 | 32115 | –8.1 |
| Phoenix 0.1 | 1670 | 972 | +3.2 |
| Hamishmar | 7000 | 33 | +1.2 |
| Menorah 1 | 7840 | 24 | –0.2 |
| Sahar r | 4451 | 174 | –5.0 |
| Zion Hold. 1 | 16600 | 30 | –2.4 |
| **Trade & Services** | | | |
| Meir Ezra | 4549 | 27 | – |
| Supersol 2 | 5020 | 2414 | +1.4 |
| Delek r | 5400 | 2492 | – |
| Lighterage | 11165 | 156 | +10.0 |
| Cold Storage | 2550 | 1172 | +13.3 |
| Dan Hotels | 3999 | 25 | –0.0 |
| Yarden Hotel | 3190 | 340 | – |
| Hilon 1 | 11950 | 45 | – |
| Team 1 | 1890 | 430 | – |
| **Real Estate, Building and Agriculture** | | | |
| Azorim | 637 | 12168 | –1.8 |
| Ellon | 378 | 6228 | – |
| Africa Isr. 0.1 | 34750 | 133 | –1.7 |
| Dankner | 4750 | 627 | –0.8 |
| Prop. & Bldg. | 2900 | 1763 | – |
| Bayside 0.1 | 4636 | s.o.1 | –5.0 |
| ILDC r | 49900 | 134 | – |
| Rassco r | 8025 | 480 | – |
| Mehadrin | 5950 | 164 | +2.1 |
| Hadarim | 1118 | 1935 | –0.4 |
| **Industrials** | | | |
| Dubek b | 3550 | 1414 | +2.6 |
| Pri-Ze 1 | 2280 | 909 | –1.3 |
| Sunfrost | 7650 | 418 | –2.5 |
| Elite | 15650 | 305 | –2.7 |
| Adgar | 870 | 4839 | – |
| Argaman r | 13600 | 413 | – |
| Delta G 1 | 3440 | 693 | – |
| Maquette 1 | 26605 | 35 | –10.0 |
| Eagle 1 | 11451 | 97 | +0.0 |
| Polgat 0.4 | 9500 | 357 | – |
| Schoellerina | 15200 | 175 | –1.0 |
| Rogosin | 3917 | 2823 | +5.4 |
| Urdan 0.1 r | 12000 | 617 | +0.4 |
| Is. Can Co. 1 | 1095 | 2709 | –1.4 |
| Zion Cables | 2450 | 1485 | +1.7 |
| Pecker Steel | 7410 | 519 | –8.6 |
| Elbit 3 r | 451200 | 47 | – |
| Elron | 403000 | 24 | – |
| Arit | 33551 | 201 | –1.6 |
| Clal Electronics | 2700 | 5241 | – |
| Spectronix 1 | 2181 | 5479 | +3.1 |
| T.A.T. 1 | 4008 | 730 | – |
| Ackerstein 1 | 1610 | 746 | +4.5 |
| Agan 5 | 19000 | 307 | – |
| Alliance | 1449 | 400 | –3.4 |
| Dexter | 3430 | 115 | +4.4 |
| Fertilisers | 5633 | 109 | – |
| Haifa Chem. | 848 | 5938 | – |
| Teva r | 55000 | 163 | – |
| Dead Sea r | 15240 | 1003 | – |
| Petrochem. | 529 | 26350 | – |
| Neca Chem. | 3500 | 264 | – |
| Frutarom | 12200 | 180 | +4.9 |
| Hadera Paper | | no trading | |
| Central Trade | 6020 | 409 | – |
| Koor p | 5650000 | 1 | –2.2 |
| Clal Inds. | 1371 | 23477 | +0.4 |
| **Investment Companies** | | | |
| IDB Dev. r | 3910 | 3948 | – |
| Ellern | 2885 | 1569 | – |
| Afik 1 | | no trading | |
| Gahelet | 1694 | 1625 | +10.0 |
| Israel Corp. 1 | 6950 | 381 | +3.7 |
| Wolfson 1 r | 115000 | 9 | +3.5 |
| Hapoalim Inv. | 4730 | 1579 | +2.6 |
| Leumi Invest. | 4895 | 859 | +0.3 |
| Discount Invest. | 2410 | 5991 | +0.4 |
| Mizrahi Invest. | 16000 | 69 | –2.1 |
| Clal 10 | 2370 | 1540 | – |
| Landeco 0.1 | 10000 | 74 | +6.4 |
| Pama 0.1 | 8700 | 71 | –1.4 |
| **Oil Exploration** | | | |
| Paz Oil Expl. | 13050 | 67 | +4.4 |
| J.O.E.L. | 1480 | 1297 | – |

**Abbreviations:**

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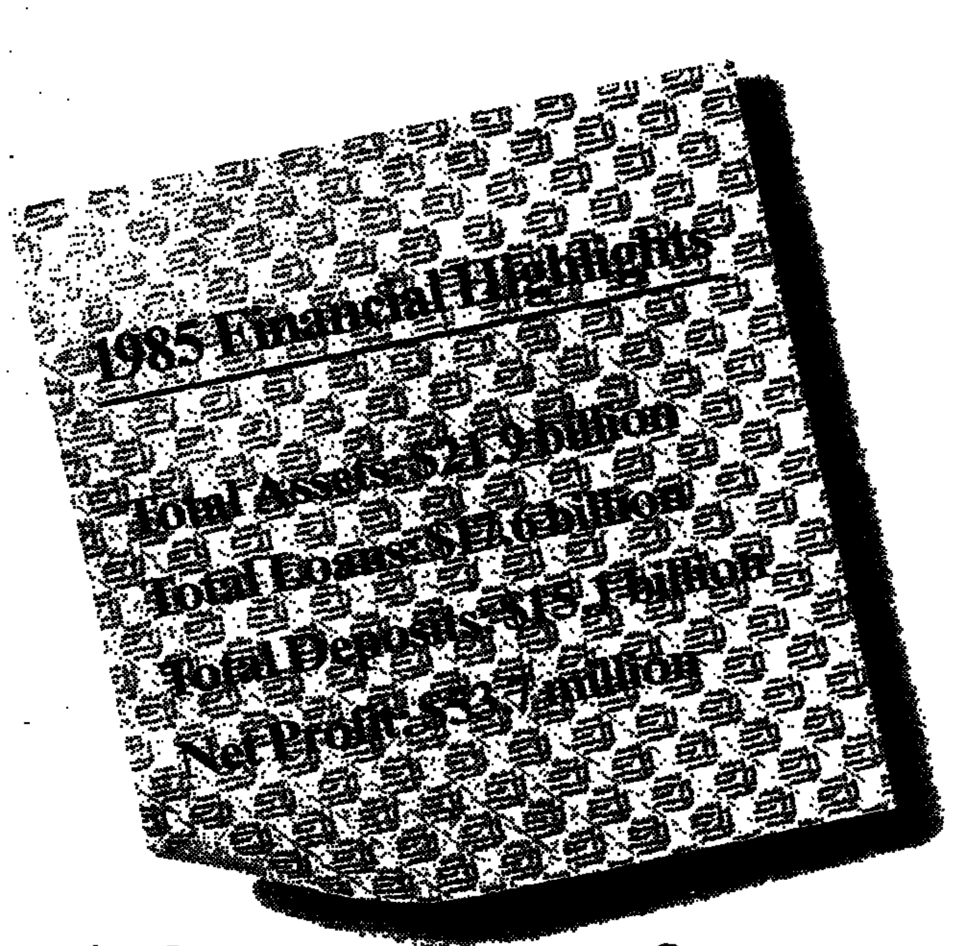
|---|---|
| s.o. sellers only | b bearer |
| b.o. buyers only | r registered |



1985 Financial Highlights
Total Assets $21.9 billion
Total Loans $17.6 billion
Total Deposits $15.1 billion
Net Profit $33.7 million

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# FINANCIAL DATA – ISRAEL, EUROPE, U.S.

## ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS May 19, 1986

### SHEKEL INTEREST RATES

PRIME BORROWING RATE: 1.25% per month

**Unlinked Deposit (Annual Rates)**

| | Last Updated | Tapas | Pakam 7-Day | Pakam 30-Day |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LEUMI | 19.5 | 8–15.25% | 8–15.75% | 9–14% |
| HAPOALIM | 13.3 | 10–12% | 11–12% | 12–12.5% |
| DISCOUNT | 9.4 | 7–13% | 7–13% | 9–14% |
| MIZRAHI | 8.5 | 8–16% | 6–15% | 6–17% |
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| DMK | 3.875 | 3.875 | 3.875 |
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| U.K. Sterling | 1 | 2.2350 | 2.2629 | 2.19 | 2.30 | 2.2484 |
| Deutch Mark | 1 | 0.6631 | 0.6714 | 0.65 | 0.68 | —— |
| French Franc | 1 | 0.2082 | 0.2108 | 0.20 | 0.21 | —— |
| Dutch Florin | 1 | 0.5881 | 0.5955 | 0.58 | 0.61 | —— |
| Swiss Franc | 1 | 0.7949 | 0.8049 | 0.78 | 0.82 | —— |
| Swedish Krone | 1 | 0.2077 | 0.2103 | 0.20 | 0.21 | —— |
| Norweg. Krone | 1 | 0.1948 | 0.1973 | 0.19 | 0.20 | —— |
| Danish Krone | 1 | 0.1790 | 0.1812 | 0.18 | 0.19 | —— |
| Finnish Mark | 1 | 0.2867 | 0.2903 | 0.28 | 0.30 | 0.2884 |
| Canad. Dollar | 1 | 1.0715 | 1.0848 | 1.05 | 1.11 | —— |
| Austr. Dollar | 1 | 1.0685 | 1.0818 | 1.00 | 1.10 | 1.0749 |
| S. Africa Rand | 1 | 0.6706 | 0.6790 | 0.50 | 0.55 | 0.6747 |
| Belgian Franc | 10 | 0.3225 | 0.3265 | 0.32 | 0.33 | —— |
| Austrian Sch. | 10 | 0.9655 | 0.9775 | 0.95 | 1.00 | —— |
| Italian Lire | 1000 | 0.9667 | 0.9788 | 0.95 | 1.00 | 0.9714 |
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| Jordanian Dinar | 1 | —— | —— | 4.17 | 4.43 | 2.0261 |
| Egyptian Pound | 1 | —— | —— | 0.79 | 0.84 | 0.8375 |

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**European financial markets were closed Monday due to a holiday.**

**Due to technical difficulties the Israeli and Wall Street stock prices were not available yesterday.**

## U.S. MONEY RATES

***Prime 8.50%; Broker 7.75%; NY Euros 3 months $7\frac{3}{16}$% to $\frac{1}{16}$%; Fed Funds last $6\frac{13}{16}$%***

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| LATEST | 2.2050/60 | 1.8410/30 | 1.5335/45 | 166.80/90 | 1.3757/62 |

### Comment

DOLLAR ABOVE 2.2 MARKS IN NEW YORK – *The dollar stabilized at 2.2 marks after slipping to a day's of 2.199 a short time before.* Buying of IMM foreign currencies fuelled an already defensive dollar in the afternoon. There was some position squaring ahead of today's expected downward revision of first quarter U.S. GNP. Trading remained quiet and thin.

*Overseas financial data – from Reuters exclusively to The Jerusalem Post.*

## Scitex revenue fell 19% in first quarter

HERZLIYA. – Scitex Corporation said unaudited first quarter revenues fell 19 per cent from the same period a year ago to $22.9 million. The net loss for the quarter was $12m., or $1.09 a share, a turnaround from a $116,000 profit in the first quarter of 1985, or one cent a share.

The number of shares outstanding was 10,948,449 million in the first quarter of 1986, up from 9,657,887 a year earlier.

The company said its sales to the printed circuit board fabrication and seismic-exploration industries have been adversely affected by industry-wide difficulties. Sales to the printing and publishing industries in the first quarter of 1986 were lower than a year earlier as well, Scitex said.

During the first quarter of the year, the company introduced a number of new products for the printing industries, which were designed to widen Scitex's customer base. Shipments of the new products, however, were not expected to reach significant levels until the third quarter, with volume shipments not likely until the last quarter, the company said.

As a result, Scitex said, revenues will remain at the first quarter's low levels at least through the first half of the year. For all of 1986, Scitex said it did not expect revenues to exceed the 1985 level.

## Court won't let Schiff challenge suit

Post Finance Reporter

The Tel Aviv District Court yesterday turned down the request of hotelier Haim Schiff and two of his companies to defend themselves against a $1.8 million claim lodged by the First International Bank.

The court's decision paves the way for the bank to obtain the whole of this amount, which comprises capital, interest and linkage differentials on a loan First International made to Schiff.

According to a bank spokesman, First International first made its claim against the Schiff-owned Marina Hotel in Bat Yam, later added Schiff and a car-hire company in his ownership to the suit on the grounds that they were guarantors of the loan. The claim was lodged with the Tel Aviv District Court under a rapid trial procedure.

The debtor and guarantors all demanded the right to defend themselves on the grounds that the money was not due to the bank and that the rate of interest charged was excessive. After a prolonged consideration of their request, Judge Amnon Houminer rejected it, apparently because he felt the claim was clear cut.

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# Getting beyond Taba

WHAT had been hopefully described as the "last" and certainly a "crucial" round of Israel-Egyptian talks on the framing of an arbitral *compromis* for the disputed speck of Sinai called Taba, opened in Herzliya yesterday.

Regrettably, the background for this round had been set, in Jerusalem, with some nasty ministerial bickering over Ezer Weizman's needlessly secretive trip to Washington last week, which was, reportedly, largely concerned with the state of Israel-Egyptian relations. Whether Premier Shimon Peres did finally manage to smooth Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir's ruffled feathers, or only increased his resolve to reply in kind by stealing his successor's turf after the rotation, remains unclear.

But at least the disagreeable little affair has died down, and just in time, of its own weightlessness.

Just in time, because the present Herzliya round poses to both Israel and Egypt what is the central question in their relations, and to Israel the most overwhelming issue in its entire Arab policy: will the two neighbouring countries, now formally at peace, at long last and without further delay get over the Taba hurdle. And will they set in motion the process for settling their last surviving territorial conflict and, therefore, go on to full normalization – and possibly to the expansion of the Middle East peace process?

Technically, the issue in Herzliya is the right sort of question that should be posed to the Taba arbitrators: whether they should be instructed to discover the border as it was fixed in the Egyptian-Ottoman agreement of 1906, or to ascertain the border that actually separated Israel from Egypt during the years 1948 to 1967.

This critical difference has been thinly masked by legalistic terminology on both sides, with Israel insisting that it is the "correct location" of the border that should be investigated, and Egypt calling for a formula based on "exact location." Israel's contention is that the issue cannot be where the border stones were during the lifetime of an armistice, but where they *should be set* in genuine peace under the only internationally binding document in the matter, even though it dates back to 1906.

Plainly, the question as framed by each of the parties *virtually predetermines the answer*, and it leaves a yawning gap that Israel and Egypt have been unable to bridge by their own efforts. The making of the gap has been largely Mr. Shamir's, which Mr. Peres evidently could not reject without breaking up the national unity government. Now it is up to Judge Abraham D. Sofaer, the State Department's legal adviser, on hand in Herzliya at the head of an American delegation, to devise a formula that would bridge that gap, with perhaps some gentle arm-twisting this way and that.

Even if he succeeds, Judge Sofaer will not automatically ensure the success of the arbitration itself: there is still the conciliation hiatus to agree upon, which Mr. Shamir, the country's premier five months hence, will find another useful foot-dragging device. But if Sofaer fails, the lights will be out.

# Water, water nowhere

THE OVERCAST skies and unseasonable showers last week flattered only to deceive. They made easy optimists think that the worst effects of the winter's drought might be obviated by almost unprecedented spring rains, as if some miracle would be provided to save the nation from its folly.

These hopes were illusory. Such rain as did fall, very welcome though it was, could not cover more than a fraction of the country's water overdraft. The question has to be faced four-square: what are *we* going to do about water?

Seventy per cent of the country's water is allocated to agriculture, and the minister of agriculture has already announced that the farmers' allocations are to be cut by 10 per cent. Since many of them overdrew their quotas during the arid winter months, they are going to be hard hit indeed. It is probable that they will be persuaded or compelled to reduce or abandon their cotton production this year, since exporters of cotton are really exporting water. But this will be a major hardship, as for many farmers cotton provides their main cash crop.

Although domestic households only consume a comparatively trifling quantity of water, appeals will certainly be made to save every drop. It has been suggested that couples should shower together, that people should switch off the water while they soap themselves, that everyone should have modulated lavatory cisterns, that gardens and lawns should be allowed to lie fallow, as, in any case, it is the *shmitta* year. All these ideas, if enforced, would not transform the water picture, although they might be good for morale.

To some extent, the drought disguises what Israel's real water-problem is because it is posed as an acute and ephemeral one, whereas it is really chronic and permanent.

Living in what is a semi-arid zone, we just do not have enough water for all our needs, even when there is no drought. Israel has become justly renowned for its water utilization policies. We have done well in the use by agriculture of recycled effluent water, although we have been shamefully remiss in allowing water to be polluted by towns, agriculture and industries.

But the expansion of the state is impossible while we are living up to the very last drop of our available water means, in good years as well as bad. Some decades ago, there was great excitement about the desalination of water: the state gambled heavily on the Zarkhin process, and President Lyndon S. Johnson and Prime Minister Levi Eshkol planned a joint nuclear-power-desalination plant. Both ventures never got off the ground, and desalination became unfashionable.

Nevertheless, scientists have been quietly working away on various projects with brackish and salt water. Surely the time has come for a massive scientific drive to be made to increase the overall amount of water available well beyond the annual two billion cubic metres that constitute the present maximum. Without some major change for the better, the future development of the country will be hampered, even if years of good rains follow years of drought.

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# Of babies and politics

## YOSEF GOELL

DESPITE a recent report that sometime in the future men will be able to become pregnant and give birth, there is absolutely no indication that *cabinet meetings* will ever be capable of producing human offspring. One should add, especially not all-male cabinets like Israel's which last week reportedly considered the serious demographic problem confronting the country and the Jewish people.

It is a serious problem; but the first reactions were somewhat silly. Prime Minister Peres's first statement in response to the grim figures on Jewish birthrates reported by Prof. Roberto Bachi was to promise solemnly that the forthcoming cabinet meeting would consider them. His second statement after that meeting was an exhortation for Jewish couples in Israel to have an average of four children, rather than the 2.8 which the demographic statistics show.

There's nothing new about politicians making empty statements when they don't know what to do about intractable problems that won't go away. *The temptation to* exhort to greater "internal aliya" is nothing new, and in this Peres seems to be a true minimalist disciple of his great master, David Ben-Gurion.

Israel's first prime minister, concerned about that very problem in the 1950s was misguided enough to declare a prize of 100 Israel pounds (when the pound was a pound and valued at about $1.80) for any woman who would bear 10 children. The offer was quietly phased out at the end of the decade, when it was discovered that only Arab women were continuing to have that number of children.

I recall attending a public meeting in the Fifties addressed by Ben-Gurion, who exhorted the middle-aged to elderly audience to produce more children. One of my pleasant *memories of a much more heimish* Israel is that of a man getting up and asking: "Ben-Gurion, how many children do you have?"

"Only three," the father of his country replied. "Why only three?" the questioner persisted. "Because Paula didn't want to have more," Ben-Gurion replied. "That's exactly how it is with me and my wife," the questioner insisted and sat down. Ben-Gurion shut up.

Peres has always admitted modestly to emulating his mentor, Ben-Gurion. Exhorting Israelis to have an average of four children, is admittedly far short of Ben-Gurion's 10, but is just as futile.

THE PROBLEM in a nutshell is, that despite the recent decline in the number of children Arab women in Israel have been having, compared to their mothers, the difference between the Jewish and Arab birth rates in Israel itself is such, that if one assumes the continuation of only a relatively low rate of aliya, by the end of the century – in 14 years – Israeli Arabs will constitute about 22 per cent of the population. At present they account for about 17 per cent, if one includes the 130,000 Arabs of East Jerusalem, who have steadfastly rejected the 19-year-old Israeli offer of citizenship.

A problem that is often confused with the first one – which overlaps it to an extent, but is really separate and of a very *different order of* magnitude – is that of the Arabs in the entire territory controlled by Israel, meaning Israel proper plus the occupied territories. The Bachi figures show that they will constitute about 43 per cent of the total population under Israeli control by the year 2000.

*Before going on to* consider these figures and the problems they represent, it is essential to emphasize the basic assumptions that underlie the raw projections. The prime minister's and the cabinet's acceptance of the projections means that they agree with the two basic assumptions: there will be no major wave of aliya *in* the coming decade and a half, barring possible catastrophes to Jewish communities in the Diaspora, which we should fervently not hope for; there will be no peace with the Arab world in the immediately forseeable future, which would enable Israel *safely* to relinquish the bulk of the occupied territories and divest itself of the burden of a resentful-to-hostile Arab population that will reach a figure of close to two million by the end of the century.

There *is* really nothing new in those two assumptions. The vast majority of us have suspected or known it in our heart of hearts for years, but we have found it painfully impossible to admit it to ourselves.

IT IS very doubtful whether any governmental policies could succeed in bringing about a substantive increase in the Jewish birthrate that would affect these projected figures for the year 2000.

But even if policies were discovered that did succeed in raising the Jewish birthrate somewhat, it would make little difference to the real problem. We are fated to live with a very large Arab population, possibly even approaching half of the total population under our control, for some time to come.

One should really separate two aspects of this problem, that of the Palestinian Arabs under Israeli military occupation, and those Palestinian Arabs who are residents and citizens of Israel proper.

The debates over the first of these problems that have been raging for the past 19 years of Israeli occupation have always tended to either of the polar extremes. Israeli's relationships with the Arab population of the occupied territories must, however, be seen in the less exhilarating terms of choices in the middle of the spectrum, between the lesser of opposing evils. There are no good, realistic solutions to the problem in the short term.

There is no escaping the problem that Israel will be faced with having to make a painful choice between becoming an impossible binational state and a state which will find itself compelled to deny equal democratic *rights to a large occupied Arab* minority – and possibly even to a numerical majority.

In fact, Israel has already made that choice between the two alternatives, 19 years ago. We have not and will not permit the turning of Israel into a non-Jewish binational state, even if it means, as it has, that in order to do so we must deny the occupied Arabs their rights to national and political independence.

It is difficult for a democratic Israel to accept the fact that it is behaving in such undemocratic fashion. But such is the fact. And in the imperfect world in which we live, I would argue that it is the most desirable of the various unpalatable alternatives with which we are confronted.

LET ME put it in personal terms. I live in French Hill in Jerusalem, near the Arab villages and neighbourhoods of Issawiya, Anata and Shuafat. *I have* no desire to tell the Arabs of these localities how to run their individual and communal lives, just as I don't want them to tell me how to run mine. That means that ideally I would like us to separate, as Abraham did from his nephew Lot.

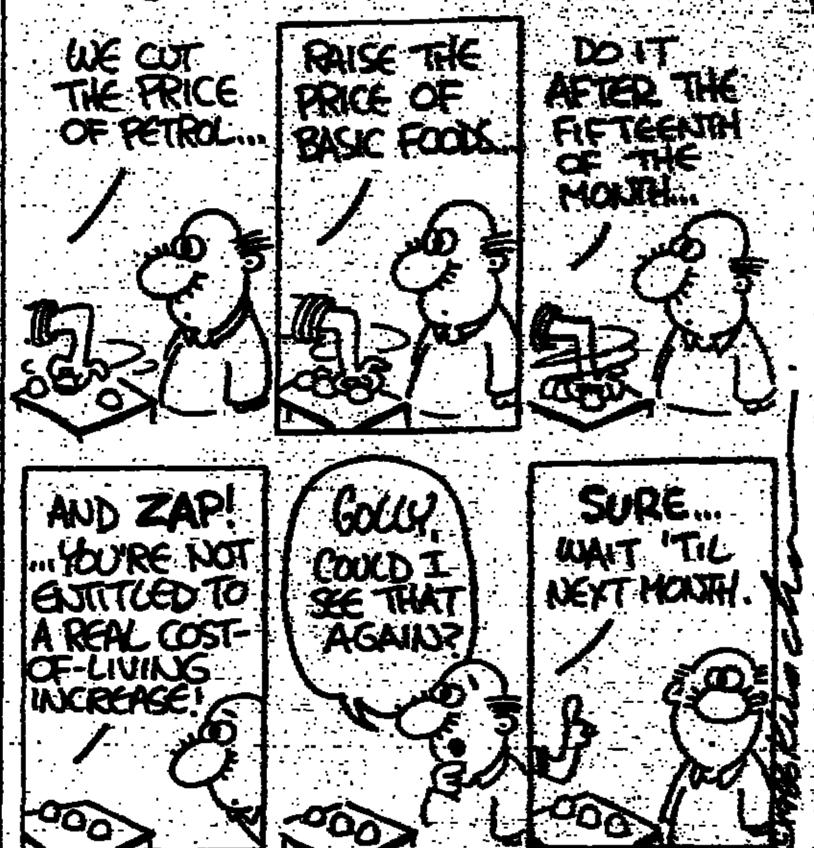
In the real political world of the Middle East, in which all attempts at bringing the Arabs to negotiate a settlement with the "devil Israel" have failed, giving the Arabs of Issawiya, Anata and Shuafat their "*rights*" to national self-determination and getting Israel off their backs would mean giving them and the political leadership they prefer and are loyal to – the PLO – the ability to persevere in their determination to kill me, my wife and children and my neighbours. That crazy I'm not.

There is no escaping the fact that it is a problem for us Israelis. But to use the crude Hebrew vernacular, it is even more so *zabusham* (short for *zu haba'aya shelahem* – it is *their* problem). The Arabs of these occupied villages have a more serious problem than we do. And for 19 years they have been feckless enough to resist any movement towards a meaningful resolution of the problems that plague both us and them.

If they can live with that problem unsolved, so can I. If the alternatives the Palestinian leadership has forced me to choose from are continuing to occupy them and to deny them political rights, as opposed to increasing my chances of being dead, I have not the slightest hesitation in choosing the former.

One may add parenthetically one of the most curious anomalies imaginable, but a fact nonetheless. In the non-democratic Arab Middle East, the Palestinian Arabs under Israeli occupation enjoy a greater degree of political rights than do Arabs anywhere in the Arab world. This in itself is certainly no excuse for continued occupation, *but is a* fact which makes continued occupation, if necessary, more than palatable on an individual basis.

Dry Bones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## READERS' LETTERS

### MORE ABOUT WIESENTHAL

*To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post*

Sir, – In Readers' letters of April 16, David Korn of Washington, D.C. claims that Simon Wiesenthal does not deserve the "myth" he has created about himself "as the world's foremost Nazi hunter." Having known Mr. Wiesenthal for many years and having followed his activity throughout, I wish to disagree.

Mr. Wiesenthal never claimed to have himself caught Eichmann, but as far as I know, he did have a substantial share in the team-work hunt for him. Shortly after World War II, Mr. Wiesenthal foiled an attmept by Eichmann's family to declare him officially dead. Had this happened Eichmann would probably never have been caught.

From personal experience, I can add that Mr. Wiesenthal is a living encyclopedia with regard to Holocaust events and Nazi war crimes – names, dates and cross-connections. There are half a dozen very respectable institutions throughout the free world who know that Mr. Wiesenthal is one of the foremost researchers of the Holocaust.

I think that the Jewish people has every reason to be grateful to Mr. Wiesenthal who has devoted all his energies for decades to make the world's conscious of the terrible *crimes committed by the* Germans, Austrians and their accomplices against the Jewish people.

*REUBEN HECHT*

Haifa.

Sir, – In his letter of April 16, David Korn attacks Mr. Wiesenthal without justification.

In April 1946, I opened the Nazi War Crimes Documentation Centre in Vienna, in the name of the Hagana, under the command of Arthur (Asher) Ben-Nathan and Gideon Rafael. They had researched Nazi crimes during the years 1943-45 in Haifa, and they brought their documentation and conclusions to Vienna.

At that time (1946-1952), Wiesenthal headed another documentation centre in Linz, Austria, and we cooperated closely. We were instrumental in the arrest and imprisonment of 250 Nazi murderers.

As to Mr. Korn's claim that Wiesenthal neither discovered nor brought to justice even one Nazi criminal, allow me to mention at least one famous Nazi murderer, SS Captain Franz Stangl, commander of Treblinka, who was brought from Brazil for trial in Duesseldorf, where he died in prison.

Wiesenthal, myself and Beate Klarsfeld, had no budget from the World Jewish Congress to support our work. The Vienna Centre, for example, had a budget of $200 a month for eight people. Wiesenthal was forced to close his centre in 1952, for lack of money. He only came to Vienna in 1961.

In my opinion, it is unimportant how many criminals Wiesenthal was instrumental in catching. The importance of hs work lies in his having made world public opinion aware of the problem.

*TUVIAH FRIEDMAN,*
*Director, Institute of*
*Documentation in Israel*

Haifa.

Sir, – David Korn performs a public service by bringing into the open the pretensions of self-styled *Nazi hunter* Simon Wiesenthal. Whereas to the general public, Mr. *Korn's accusations may come as a* surprise, they are not new to serious researchers into the history of the Holocaust.

In the early Sixties, I interviewed a high police official in Vienna who, in the course of the conversation, showed me a very substantial file on Wiesenthal but would not give me access to its contents. Ex-chancellor Bruno Kreisky was under no such constraint when, in an interview with *Le Monde*, he called Mr. Wiesenthal a liar and a cheat. He also accused *him of having wartime dealings with* the Gestapo. No longer in office, Kreisky could have been sued. Mr. Wiesenthal refrained.

As for Wiesenthal's Nazi-hunting, the head of the Central Office at Ludwigsburg, the German Federal Justice department dealing with Nazi crimes, whom I asked during an interview what Wiesenthal had factually contributed to the quest for Nazi criminals, replied with a smile, "Mr. Wiesenthal is a Nazi *hunter*, not a Nazi *finder*."

Some Holocaust historians, while aware of Wiesenthal's heroic pretensions, claim that he is doing a service *by keeping open the wounds of German* guilt. What they fail to realize is that it also keeps our own wounds festering. The resulting trauma is justified by the specious phobia of "lest we forget." As if to that end we need Mr. Wiesenthal.

While agreeing with every statement made in Mr. Korn's letter, I wish to correct one minor error. Beate Klarsfeld, another self-styled Nazi-hunter (*J.P.* January and February 1986), did not "discover Barbie" (the Butcher of Lyon). His whereabouts were known to the intelligence community since the early fifties.

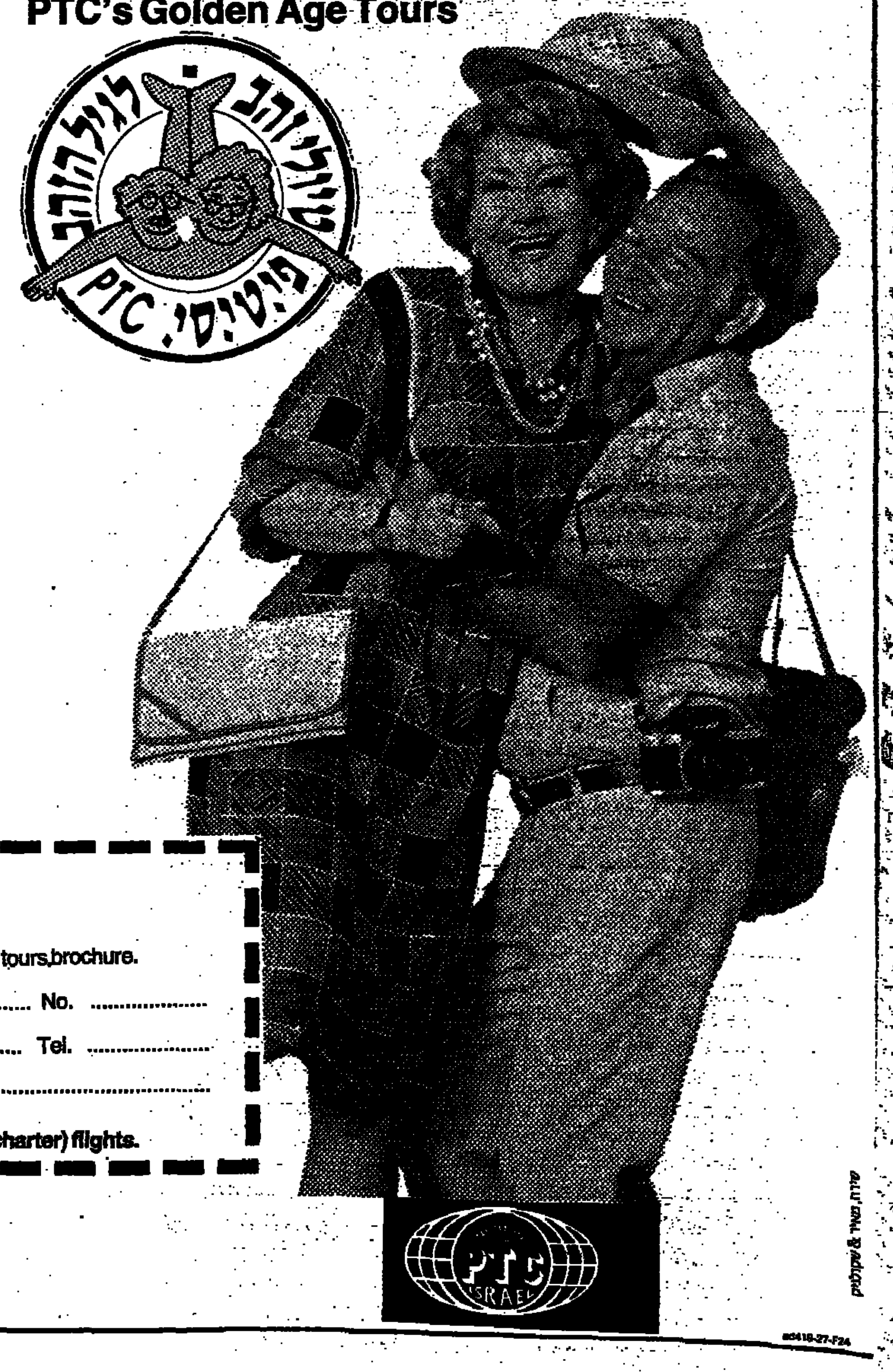
*WIM VAN LEER*

Jerusalem.

Sir, – Based on my experience as a former employee of the Ministry of Justice and having dealt there with the subject of Nazi war criminals, I must assert that the investgations of Simon Wiesenthal have been most helpful in numerous instances.

*PAUL KORDA*

Jerusalem.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